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The New RAF

At last Britain is beginning to see the RAF of the future that it has been getting brief and intriguing glimpses of since 1948. Delta wing all-weather Javelin fighters and Vulcan heavy bombers are coming into service in the United Kingdom. They are joining Hunters and Valiants which began squadron duties last year.

It has been a long and anxious eight years' wait for them and the miracle is that while they may be by drawing board standards obsolete, they are not by flying standard obsolete, despite the tremendous pace of aircraft development. At any rate, they are a good deal more modern and efficient than the Meteors, Vampires and the piston-engined reliefs that pass as bombers and are still in squadron service.

Unfortunately modernisation is coming only in trickles. Aircraft deliveries, according to the Ministry of Supply, will be slower than was originally planned. This follows cancellation of orders for the Swift fighter, the reorganising of the programme for production of Javelins and unexpectedly long "last minute adjustments" to aircraft almost ready for delivery to the service.

THE Government points out that production has risen two and a half times since 1951. It also says that Britain can "develop" an aircraft as quickly as America. If this is so, people may justifiably ask why some new British aircraft are as much as three years behind comparable American types. And if the bottleneck is in the production line then quite obviously the pleasing increase that has taken place in output is not enough.

Ultimately, because British resources in the aircraft industry cannot possibly measure up to those of America's or Russia's, a way will have to be found around the existing system whereby 10 or 15 makers cling tenaciously to their pet projects, each claiming to have the answer to the RAF's special problems.

IN all fairness they should admit that very few of the spate of postwar designs have made the grade. It is also a pity that some companies have produced some really good aircraft and are stymied by their inability to produce in the quantities desired.

Probably the best answer is as the economists would say "to rationalise resources"—or to put it in a non-technical way, for various groups of companies to merge their productive capacities and their design rooms as the motor car industry has done. Demand will then dictate which designs or models are most useful for the job in hand. This seems to be about the only fair way of cutting the seven-year time lag between the drawing board plan and the finished article which has bedevilled the RAF's modernisation programme up to now.

SPORTSMEN TELL . . .

George Whiting returns to the feature pages of the Saturday Mail with a new series for sportsmen about sportsmen—"The greatest day of their lives".

In tomorrow's Mail, he interviews England Soccer captain, Billy Wright who tells about the day he nearly got the sack. Don't miss this super series beginning in tomorrow's feature packed edition of the China Mail. And this is only one highlight. Watch out also for these:

★ A match-making correspondent gives lonely spinsters some good leap-year advice—She conveys them with the thought that every bachelor has an Achilles heel.

★ Les Armour writes on the fiery rebel of the Socialist Party—Nye Bevan.

★ Giles, Cummings and Low (just back from a tiger hunt in India) provide three brilliant cartoons. There are also reviews of the latest films showing in Hongkong, three pages of local and overseas pictures, as well as news for women, children and sportsmen. There are also comic strips and puzzles, crosswords and the tips for tomorrow's meeting at the Valley—all in the China Mail.

VATICAN MAY SEEK UN MEMBERSHIP

Railway Disaster: 5 Killed, Many Injured

Bern, Maryland, Feb. 23. The Pennsylvania Railroad's Washington to New York passenger train, the Embassy, was derailed here today. The police said there were at least five known dead and possibly 50 or more injured.

Maryland State police said five persons had been pronounced dead. They said workmen with acetylene torches were searching the wreckage for additional bodies but did not expect the toll to go much higher.

Police put the injury figure at 25 to 30. But South Baltimore General Hospital said it had received about 20 injured from the wreck, some "very badly" hurt.

The Fort Meade Army Hospital, situated near here, said 25 to 30 additional injured were being cared for there. A Maryland police trooper described the scene as "hellish".—United Press.

Stormy Time Ahead For Dulles

Washington, Feb. 23. Critical senators will closely question Mr John Foster Dulles, the Secretary of State, tomorrow about the "on-again, off-again" shipment of tanks to Saudi Arabia, and other recent foreign policy developments.

The Senate Foreign Relations Committee is expected to ask Mr Dulles how the State Department and the White House came to release the 18 tanks, to cancel the release, and then cancel the cancellation two days later.

Mr Dulles, on returning from an ocean fishing vacation yesterday, astonished Washington officials by stating that he had heard nothing of the furore over the tanks until he landed at Miami.

Senators are also expected to question the Secretary of State about other international controversies which they say he has recently aroused, frequently in carefully prepared statements, at the rate of almost one a month.

The senators were expected to take the opportunity—first to question Mr Dulles about his controversial interview in Life magazine last January in which he expounded the "art" of manoeuvring on the "verge of war".

They will also recall his statement that he had been invited to attend the UN conference in Tokyo, said that on his way he would stop at Hong Kong to assess the availability of suitably qualified teachers and pave the way for their recruitment by the Federation education service.

HOOVER TO ATTEND

They will also probably criticise the administration of the State Department during Mr Dulles' frequent absences at international conferences or inaccessible vacation spots.

They have been invited to tomorrow's hearing Mr Herbert Hoover, junior, the Under-Secretary of State, who acted as Secretary of State during Mr Dulles' absence at the time of the tank shipment and other controversies.

Meanwhile, three other congressional committees have shown signs they may call Mr Dulles or officials of his department to face criticisms.

The Senate Government Operations Committee has criticised the reluctance of the State Department to discuss details of agreements made after the relaxation of restrictions on free world trade with Communist China.

The House Foreign Affairs Committee, who say they were not consulted about the tank shipment, are demanding that Mr Dulles appear before them.

Seeking HK Teachers

Kuala Lumpur, Feb. 23. The Federation of Malaysia's assistant Minister for Education, Mr Toon Loo-hing said here today that his government was looking into the possibility of recruiting highly qualified teachers from Hongkong for the country's Chinese middle schools.

The Minister, who will be attending the UNESCO conference in Tokyo, said that on his way he would stop at Hong Kong to assess the availability of suitably qualified teachers and pave the way for their recruitment by the Federation education service.

He would then find out how immediate difficulties could be overcome, he said.

"There is an acute shortage of Chinese middle school teachers in the country. We want teachers with the necessary experience,"—Reuter.

HAIR-RAISING ESCAPE

Ogden, Utah, Feb. 23. A young airman narrowly escaped death when he was sucked into the air intake of a roaring jet engine here today at Hill Air Force base. He lost only his hat, his gloves and the tip of his ring finger.

Airman Second Class Ronald Smith, 20, stepped down from the cockpit of a twin jet B-57 light bomber and walked in front of the jet engine as ground crewmen were testing it at full power.

He stumbled forward and was sucked upward seven feet, head first, into the jet engine air intake.

The plane's engine was turned off immediately and Smith dropped to the ground.—United Press.

Exchange Fire

Gaza, Feb. 23. An Egyptian army position today exchanged fire for nearly an hour with an Israeli patrol which entered Egyptian-held territory on the Gaza coastal strip, an Egyptian army spokesman said tonight.

The spokesman said there were no casualties on the Egyptian side.

He said Egypt had immediately lodged a complaint with the Mixed Armistice Commission against "this latest Israeli aggression."—Reuter.

Strong Support Certain

New York, Feb. 23. Intense interest was shown in United Nations circles tonight in the hint in Rome that the Vatican would like to become a full member of the world organisation.

The United Nations charter provides that membership is open to all "peace-loving states which accept the obligations contained in the present charter and, in the judgment of the organisation, are able and willing to carry out these obligations."

Any move to pave the way to admit the Vatican could count on wide support among the present membership.

They noted that the Roman Catholic Church is the predominant religious group in about 30 of the 76 countries now represented in the United Nations, and in several others. Catholics are a politically important minority.

VETO UNLIKELY

Any bid to seat the Vatican could expect opposition from the Communist countries, observers said, but they speculated whether the Soviet Union would go so far as using its veto in the Security Council because of the world-wide reaction this would produce.

The Security Council in which all five big powers have the veto right, must recommend a candidate before the general assembly can vote on the admission.

Such applications are now pending. They include Japan and Outer Mongolia.—Reuter.

Rome As Venue For Assembly?

United Nations, Feb. 23. The possibility of holding next autumn's General Assembly session in Rome to avoid the presidential election was discussed today by two of the United Nations' most powerful groups.

Sixteen of the 18 Western European countries met privately in an informal session to discuss "problems of mutual interest."

A spokesman said the possibility of switching the 1956 Assembly session to the Italian capital was debated, but no firm decision was taken pending consultations with the home government.

The Italian Ambassador, Alberto Casardi, attended the European caucus, but was understood not to have offered a firm invitation to hold the Assembly session in Rome.

The Arab-Asian-African group whose 24 members constitute the strongest bloc in the UN, discussed the issue at the same time the Europeans were meeting. Like the Europeans, they reached no decision on a Rome meeting pending instructions from their capitals.

OPPOSE MOVE

The proposed shifting of the 1956 Assembly to Rome has been discussed informally in the UN since even before Italy was elected to membership.

The Secretary-General Mr Dag Hammarskjöld, opposed any move from New York on the basis of economy and time required for the transfer of UN activities. However, there has been a poll of the world organisation's 76 members by his office.

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Radford Says... To Run Or Not To Run



US Civil Defences Inadequate

Washington, Feb. 23. Adm. Arthur W. Radford told Congress today that the nation's civil defences are inadequate to deal with an atomic attack.

Admiral Radford, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, said "probably none" of the 50 major US population centres have an effective civil defence system "at this time."

He said there appears to be confusion about just what was to be done in such an emergency. He warned that it is unlikely a master plan can be developed without strong Federal leadership.

Admiral Radford made the statement in testimony before a House Military Operations Sub-committee which is studying legislation to create a civilian defence agency in the Defence Department.

The Admiral opposed giving the responsibility to the Defence Department because its main function is to defeat the enemy in case of war. Civil defence now is handled by the Independent Civil Defence Administration.

But he urged strong Federal leadership.

He said the present Federal organisation is not adequate, primarily because it has had to depend on the voluntary co-operation of State agencies.

In arguing against the Defence Department taking over the job, Admiral Radford emphasised its primary military mission.—United Press.

BOY CONFESSES TO MURDER

New York, Feb. 23. Thomas Williams, one of the 14-year-old twin brothers accused of bludgeoning a cub scout to death has confessed to the crime, his attorney announced today.

Defence Attorney William Callahan said Thomas gave him a "full statement" last night and completely exonerated his identical twin brother, Joseph.

Callahan declared Tommy "just up and told us" and "said he didn't know why he did it."

Mental examinations and appointment of two examiners were approved by Ohio County Court this afternoon at the request of the county prosecutor.

The boys were arrested on Feb. 11 on charges of slaying nine-year-old David Powell, whose battered body was found the previous day under a porch of the Williams' Wheeling home.

Indicted last Friday on murder charges, the boys were arraigned this morning and an April 2 trial date was set.

Wanted Something For Nothing

Washington, Feb. 23. Capital merchants were almost giving things away yesterday during their annual Washington's Birthday sales, but apparently the bargain prices still were not low enough for some shoppers.

Police rounded up 72 shoplifters.—United Press.

BESIEGED TROOPS RESCUED AFTER SIX DAYS

Bougie, Algeria, Feb. 23. A group of 50 Algerian troops, fighting for their lives, held out for six days and six nights in the encircled village of Bougie el Djama against repeated attacks by more than 300 rebels, according to reports reaching here tonight.

The village which lies on the outskirts of Bougie, was completely cut off by the rebels. The reports said that the rebels were given the go-ahead to attack yesterday. Troops were flown quickly to the besieged village by helicopter and saved its defenders.

The rebels succeeded in occupying part of the village when ammunition ran low among the Algerian troops. Six rebels and one Algerian soldier were killed in the six-day siege.—Reuter.

SEDITIONOUS PLOT AGAINST CHILEAN GOVT REVEALED

Santiago, Chile, Feb. 23. Discovery of a nationwide seditious plot led by the powerful United Labour Central against the government's anti-inflationary policy was announced officially today.

Details of the plot were found on Manuel Collao, second in command of the Labour Central, when he was arrested on charges of inciting a political general strike last month, the political police announced.

Claudio Blest, head of the Labour Central, and about 50 other union leaders have been arrested and banished to isolated places where they are allowed limited freedom.

The Labour Central had demanded for a long time that the government of President Carlos Ibanez take effective steps to combat the high cost of living. Yet, according to police announcement, it was about to launch a nationwide campaign of labour stoppages, public demonstrations and social agitation against President Ibanez' anti-inflationary programme, approved by Congress early this month.

Discovery of the plot was believed to dash any hopes for the early lifting of the state of siege or modified martial law proclaimed by the government on the eve of the abortive January 9 general strike.

'Policy Of Hunger'

The state of siege empowers the government to arrest and banish any person deemed dangerous, without benefit of trial.

The Labour Central has described the Ibanez anti-inflationary programme as a "policy of hunger." It objects chiefly to its provision limiting mandatory pay raises of government employees, including the armed forces, to 50 per cent of the increase in the cost of living during the previous year. Prior to adoption of the Ibanez programme pay increases equal to the rise in the cost of living were mandatory.

The Labour Central secretary-general, Baudilio Casanueva, who was next in line to head the organisation after the arrest of Blest and Collao, has gone into hiding. The police are actively searching for him and 13 others.—United Press.

Galilee Shooting

Tel-Aviv, Feb. 23. Israel today claimed that Syrians have shot at Israeli fishermen on the sea of Galilee twice in the last 12 hours.

An Israeli army spokesman said the fishermen had to bring in their boats.—France-Press.

Reaches Montevideo

Montevideo, Feb. 23. The British sealer Theron which is bringing the leaders of the Commonwealth transatlantic expedition's advance party back to Britain arrived in Montevideo today.—Reuter.

Man Frozen To Tree Trunk

Lille, Feb. 23. A 35-year-old Algerian worker, Mohammed Madjine, today was in a critical condition following an amputation of his four limbs, after a harrowing 48 hours during which he was frozen to a tree by the icy weather.

Madjine was found by friends with his arms about a tree trunk, his clothes frozen to the bark and his feet congealed in a block of ice and snow.

It was believed that he had been suddenly taken ill during a storm in 20 below zero Centigrade weather.

Madjine himself was still delirious and could not explain his misfortune. He was taken to Mausegange Hospital, where his arms and legs had to be amputated.—France-Press.

Cold Kills Cats

Berlin, Feb. 23. Several thousand cats have died from cold and hunger as a result of the "big freeze" in Berlin, where temperatures fell last night to 20 degrees below zero Centigrade (minus 4 degrees Fahrenheit).

At the request of the "Society of Friends of Cats" 250 Berlin cats were painlessly put to death today. They had their heads and paws frozen while leashes were hanging from their jaws.

On the frozen Baltic, off the coast of East Germany, thousands of herons, wild geese and swans have massed on the ice, where they are being gradually decimated by the cold.—France-Press.



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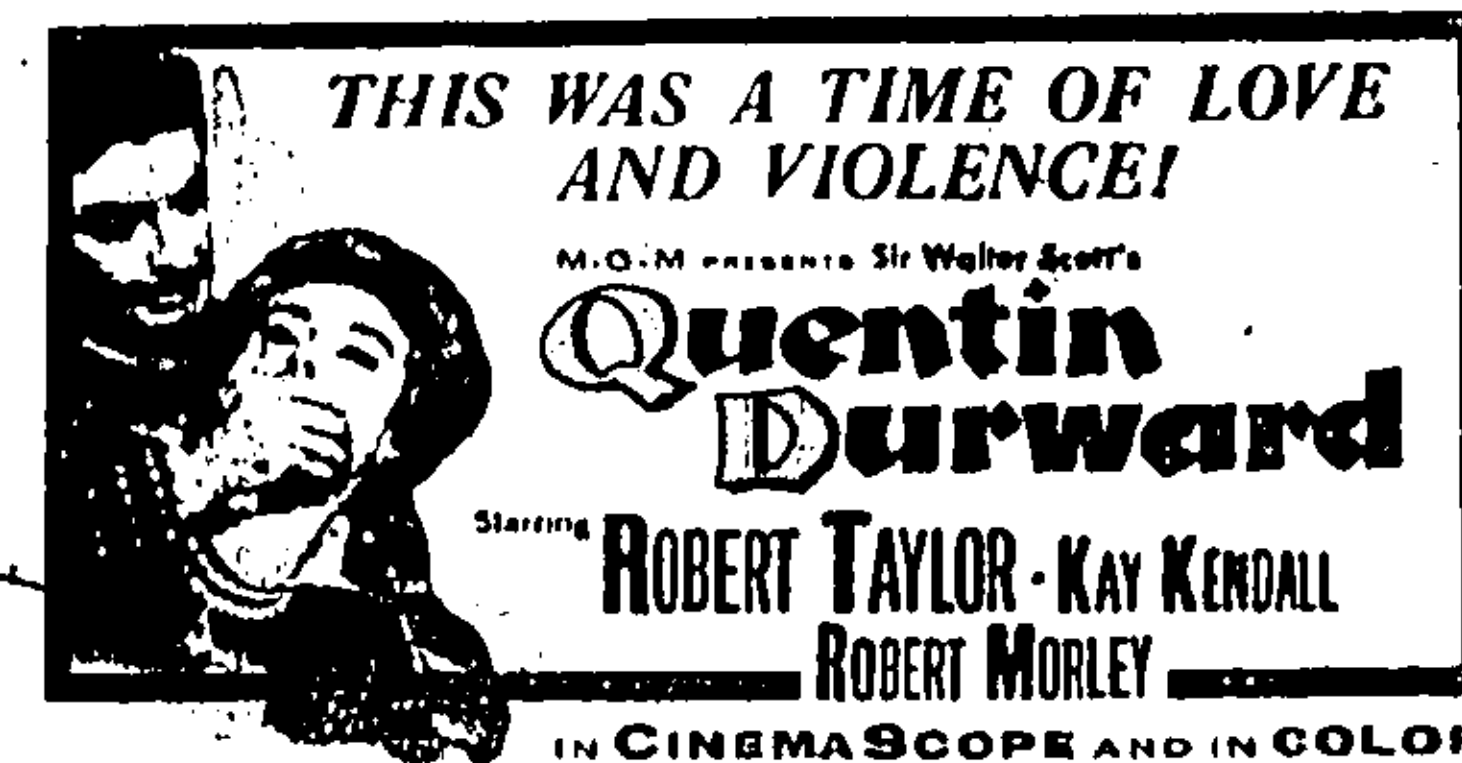
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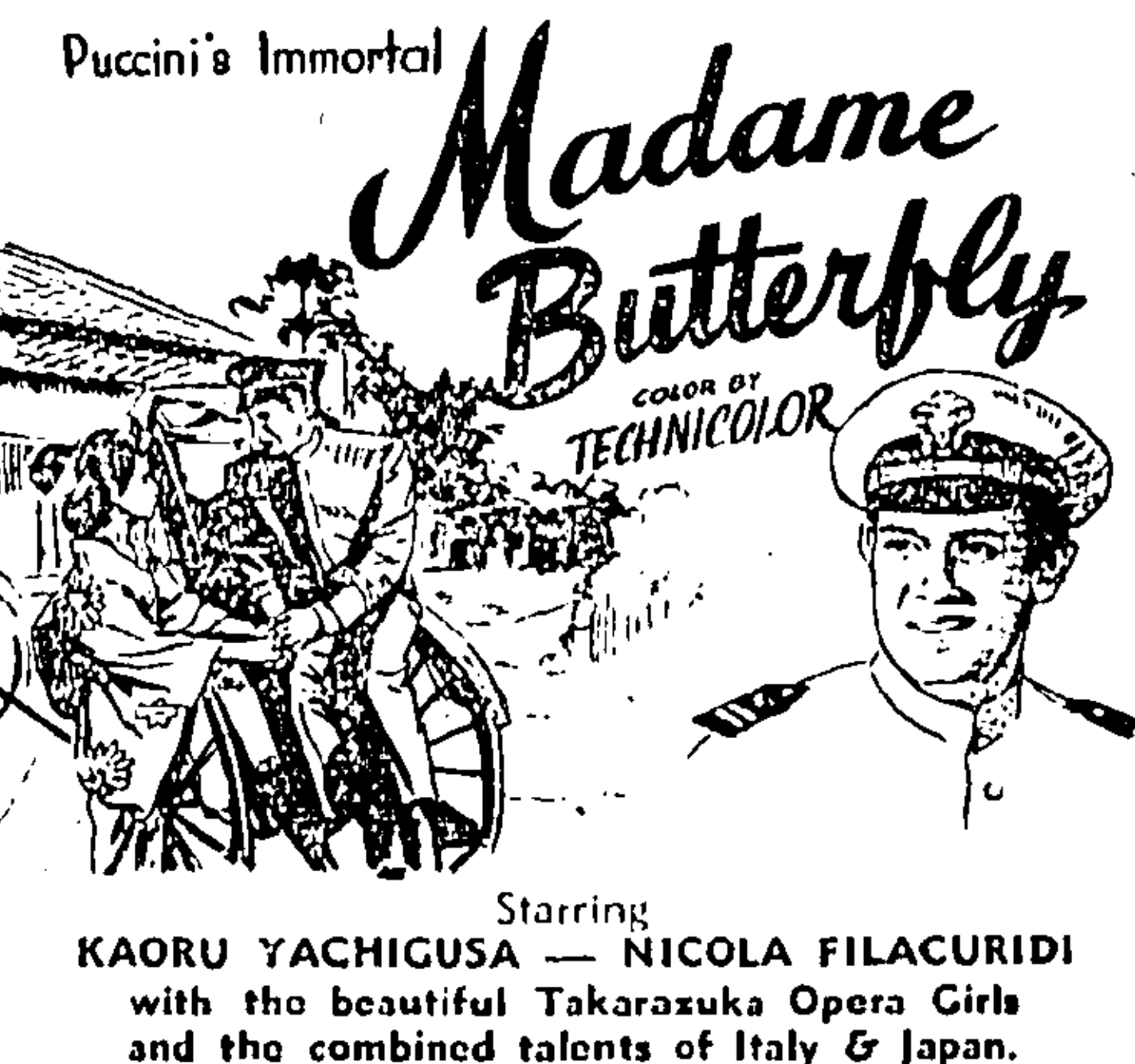
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Australian Flood Damage



Pictured is some of the wreckage left after floodwaters undermined the rock foundations of houses which crashed into Sydney harbour at Sutherland during recent floods sweeping across large areas of Australia. Only one person has been reported to have lost his life in the floods, but damage is believed to run into millions of pounds.—Express Photo.

Technical Problems Of 5-Year Plan

Paris, Feb. 23.

The Soviet Communist Party Congress in Moscow today discussed technical problems which lie ahead of the new Soviet five-year plan, the Soviet Tass news agency reported.

Vice-Premier Viacheslav Malyshev, a top Soviet technical expert, called for increased use of science to step up the nation's economic growth. He urged the use of modern methods to boost output and curtail production costs.

Mr. Malyshev attacked Soviet engineers for refusing to keep pace with scientific discoveries thereby causing "technical stagnation" in several branches of Soviet industry. The use of modern methods could save the Soviet Union several hundred million roubles, Malyshev said.

Economic planning chief, Mr. Alexei Kusygin, urged that priority should be given to heavy industry output.

Save Roubles

Vice-Premier Nikolai Baibakov, called for an increase in worker efficiency during the new plan. He said a one per cent boost in efficiency could save the Soviet Union 10 milliards of roubles by 1960 when the plan ends.

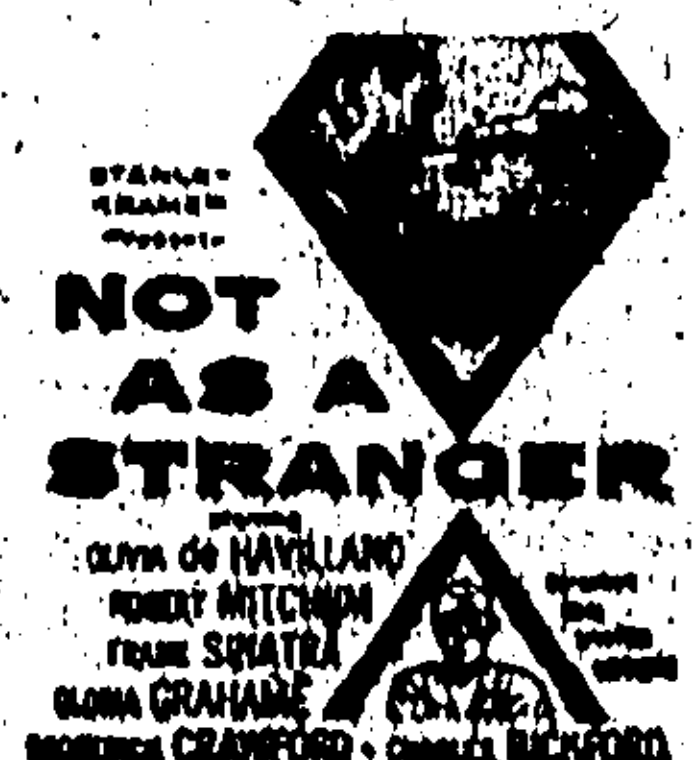
Communications Minister Boris Beshtchev said the Soviet Union will have 5,000 miles of electric railways by 1960, including links between Moscow, the Ural Mountains and Siberia.

Mr. Beshtchev lauded Soviet Party Chief, Mr. Nikita Khrushchev, for "barring the faults of the Communications Ministry."

Mr. Beshtchev pledged he would do his utmost to remedy these faults during the five-year plan.—France-Press.

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PIG HOLDS UP TRAFFIC

Johannesburg, Feb. 23.

A pig, which fell from a farmer's lorry and went to sleep in the centre of a busy crossing, disrupted traffic for three hours in Johannesburg. No one liked to move it. An anxious farmer finally collected the pig by car.—China Mail Special.

Afro-Asians Meet On West N. Guinea

New York, Feb. 23.

Asian and African delegates at the United Nations met privately today to hear a report from Indonesia on the breakdown in its negotiations with the Netherlands on mutual problems including that of West New Guinea.

Mr. Thanat Khoman, of Thailand, chairman of the 23-state group, told correspondents afterwards that no decision was reached on any action which might be taken regarding West New Guinea. "It was just to keep members of the group informed of the situation," he said.—Reuter.



Washington, Feb. 23.
The chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, Senator Walter George, said today that Congress and the American people should have "fuller knowledge" about the "disturbing" situation in the Middle East.

The Georgia Democrat said he hoped his committee could lay the groundwork for establishing a better understanding when it questioned the Secretary of State, Mr. John Foster Dulles, at hearings starting tomorrow.

Senator George discussed the Middle East situation and the events surrounding the disclosure that the US was sending 10 tanks to Saudi Arabia with newsmen before the Senate convened.

"I do feel the situation is disturbing," he said. Senator George added that while he had not been brought up to date on the most recent developments, he was concerned that the non-Communist world may have lost the initiative for the time being in the fight against world communism.

Confusion

The Senator said, "there is too much confusion in the public mind—in the Congressional mind—about what is taking place."

He commented that, like House leaders, he knew nothing about the controversial tank shipment "until I saw it in the papers."

For the good of the country and Congress, as well as the State Department itself, Senator George said, "there should be fuller information given out continuously in this kind of a situation."

The Senator made it clear that he was not trying to make an issue of the incident. He said he did not regard it as evidence of a breakdown in the liaison between Congress and the department on such matters. He said part of the trouble may have been caused by the fact that Mr. Dulles was out of town on what Senator George described as a well-deserved vacation.

"In a political year," he added, "it's hard to do things."

He said, however, that he did not believe the committee would be able to complete its questioning of Mr. Dulles tomorrow afternoon.

Very Disturbed

He said the questioning would have to go over until Monday unless a Saturday committee session could be arranged.

Senator Hubert Humphrey said he also was "very disturbed by what I consider a deterioration of our foreign policy."

He told the Senate that the Foreign Relations Committee should make the questioning of Mr. Dulles a "searching inquiry." He said he would question the Secretary in "considerable detail."

Senator Humphrey said the Dulles hearing should be opened to the public.—United Press.



Senator George

News Agency Director Reinstated

Paris, Feb. 23.

The French government today issued a decree reinstating M. Maurice Negre as Director-General of the semi-official French news agency Agence France-Presse, as from September 28, 1954, when he was dismissed from the post.

This follows a decision by the Council of State last month that the "form though not the substance" of M. Negre's dismissal was illegal as he was not given time to "defend" himself. The Council said both his dismissal and the appointment of his successor, 79-year-old Jean Marin, were invalid.

M. Negre said today that he expected to resume his former duties after seeing the Minister of Information, M. Gerard Jaquet, this afternoon. But tonight Agence France-Presse announced M. Negre had been fully received by M. Jaquet, who lavished him to "take cognizance" of the reasons for his dismissal.—Reuter.

IKE ISSUES INVITATIONS

Thomasville, Feb. 23.

President Dwight Eisenhower has invited Canadian Premier Louis St. Laurent and Mexican President Adolfo Ruiz Cortines, to visit the United States for joint talks towards the end of March.

Mr. James Hagerty, the President's Press Secretary, who made this announcement today, stated that the talks would be completely informal, and would be about "matters of common interest".—France-Press.

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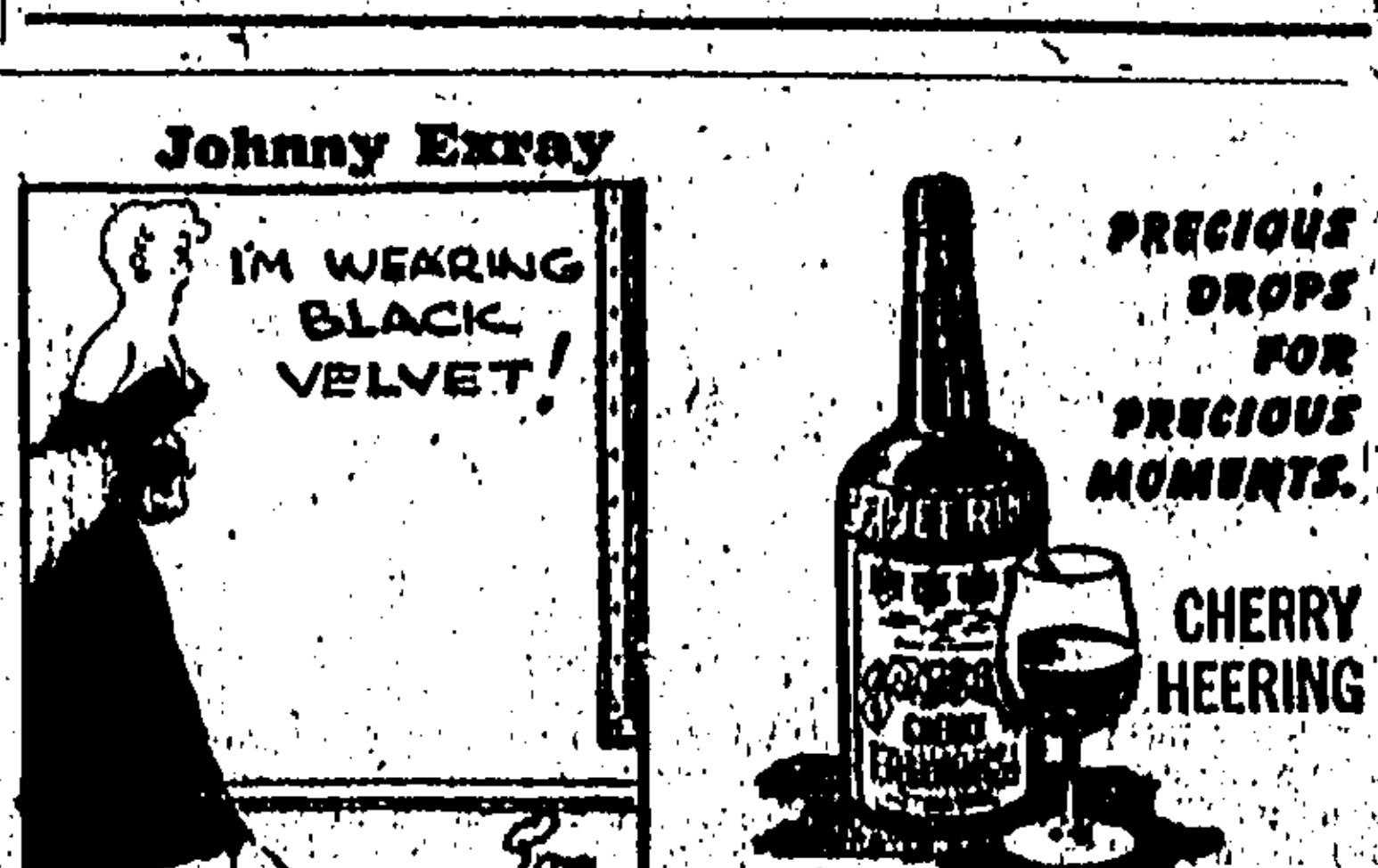
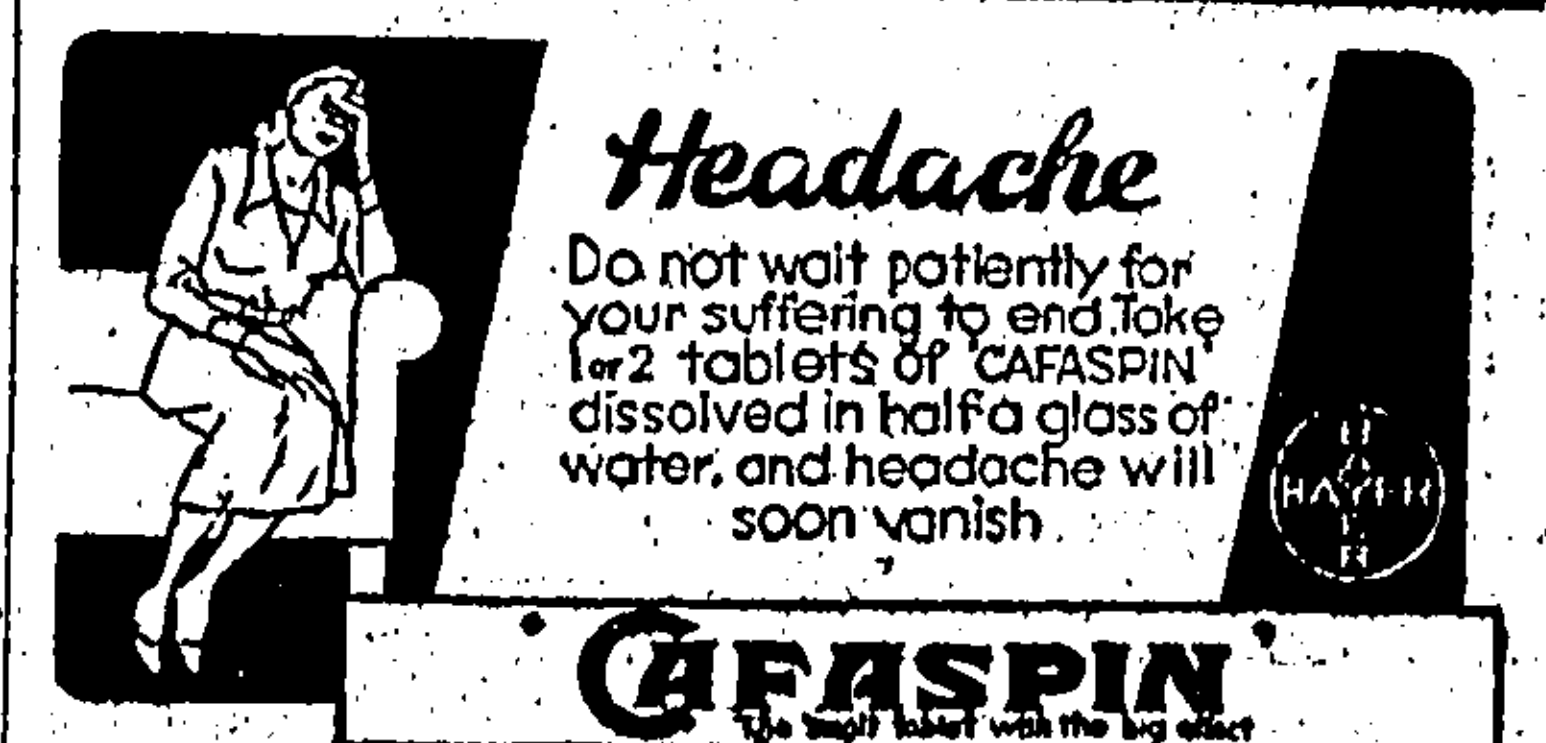


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Moch Will Attempt To Reconcile East-West

Former China Missionary Dies In Ireland

Bellevue, Neb., Feb. 23. THE Most Reverend Edward J. Galvin, founder of the Catholic Columbian Missionary Society, died today in Dalgan, Ireland, of leukaemia contracted while he was a prisoner of the Chinese in his diocese of Hanyang, China, the Society's headquarters said.

Bishop Galvin, who was 73, founded the Society in Ireland in 1910 and in 1920 moved its headquarters to Omaha. The final move here was made in 1923.

Ordained at St. Patrick's College, Maynooth, Ireland in 1909, Father Galvin served as an assistant in Holy Rosary Parish in Brooklyn, New York, until 1912, when he made his first trip to China.

Four Years He remained there four years, then returned to Ireland to found the Order of Foreign Missionaries.

The first group of Columbian missionaries under Father Galvin went to China in 1920 and was located at Hanyang, which is near Hankow in the Yangtze River in central China.

Bishop Galvin's diocese came under Communist rule in 1920 for a short period. The Japanese moved in in 1937 and established the Hankow zone and later mounted a full-scale occupation.

Being a citizen of Ireland, Bishop Galvin was allowed to remain at his post. The priest was visited after the war in 1948 by Francis Cardinal Spellman, Bishop Fulton J. Sheen of New York and Archbishop Gerald T. Bergen, of Omaha.

Then the Chinese Communists took over the area systematically expelling Columbian missionaries until only the bishop and five priests remained.

Matter Of Time The bishop himself was expelled in 1952 after three years of house arrest, poor food and constant questioning. When he arrived at Hongkong, indications of leukaemia were discovered. After a series of treatments in the United States proved unsuccessful, he was told that it would only be a matter of time until the disease claimed his life.

The order which he found now has about 650 priests and 200 nuns. Missions are located in the Philippines, Japan, Korea, Australia, New Zealand, the Fiji Islands, Vietnam, Formosa and South America.—United Press.

Paris, Feb. 23. French Foreign Minister Christian Pineau disclosed today at a press conference that M. Jules Moch, French delegate to the United Nations Sub-committee on Disarmament, would make a new effort to reconcile British, American and Soviet disarmament plans when the sub-committee meets at the beginning of March.

Turning to the Saar problem, M. Pineau said the question of the political return of the Saar to West Germany could not be separated from economic guarantees for France.

The Foreign Minister indicated that there was a very close relationship between the West German government's reply, expected on March 3, on the question of the canalisation of the Moselle River, and the directive that will be given to the Franco-German experts negotiating the Saar problem.

M. Pineau said that from the juridical point of view, the situation of the Saar remained the same as it was before the recent referendum.

He added, on the other hand, that it would not be realistic not to be taken into account the Saar population's rejection of a European status for the territory.

Referring to the Franco-Moroccan negotiations now underway in Paris, M. Pineau said the question of Moroccan independence and Franco-Moroccan inter-dependence should be linked together. He added that it was not possible for the French government to abrogate the 1912 protectorate treaty for Morocco. Parliamentary legislation would be necessary for such abrogation, M. Pineau said.

M. Pineau said that France strongly desired a conference on the Middle East, similar to the 1954 Geneva conference on Indo-China. He added, on the other hand, it would be difficult to get Israel and the Arab states around the same table.

M. Pineau said that France's position in the Middle East was a peaceful one. France would, therefore, not encourage any aggression, but would offer her good offices to settle Middle Eastern problems.

Asked about the possibility of a trip to the Soviet Union by

Premier Guy Mollet and himself, M. Pineau replied that he could say nothing about this for the time being. He added that he did not want to prejudice the proposals that the Soviet Ambassador to France, Mr. Serge Vinogradov, might make after his return from Moscow.

M. Pineau said he did not think it possible for Soviet Premier Nikolai Bulganin and Communist Party First Secretary, Mr. Nikita Khrushchev, to stop in Paris on their way to Britain next April.

He thought it was possible the Soviet leaders might come to Paris on another occasion.

M. Pineau also disclosed that he had recently made proposals to the government to intensify cultural relations and cultural exchanges between the East and West.

He said that next Monday the French government would open talks with representatives of the Tunisian government to resolve certain difficulties in carrying out the Franco-Tunisian conventions.

These difficulties were not considerable and arose mainly from differences of interpretation of certain of the terms of the convention, M. Pineau said.

The Tunisian government has also asked to participate in the security measures that France has undertaken in Tunisia, M. Pineau added.

Vietnam Elections

M. Pineau said that France would not reply to proposals from several countries for the reopening of the Geneva conference on Indo-China before the SEATO conference opened in Karachi on March 6. Such a reopening of the Geneva conference would only be useful if there was a transition of those in use in the American Air Force. About 250 transistors are at present working on this task. Command regulations for all three services are being worked out in consultation with NATO.—China Mail Special.

France continues to support the holding of general elections throughout North and South Vietnam in July, 1956 in accordance with the Geneva agreements, M. Pineau said. He added, on the other hand, that France does not possess the material means of imposing the elections upon the country.

As for the March 4 elections in South Vietnam for a constituent assembly, M. Pineau said this was a Vietnamese internal question and France would take no position.

M. Pineau said that while it was necessary to maintain an organization such as the South-east Asia Treaty Organization in case of a conflict, the essential problem was not military but economical and social.

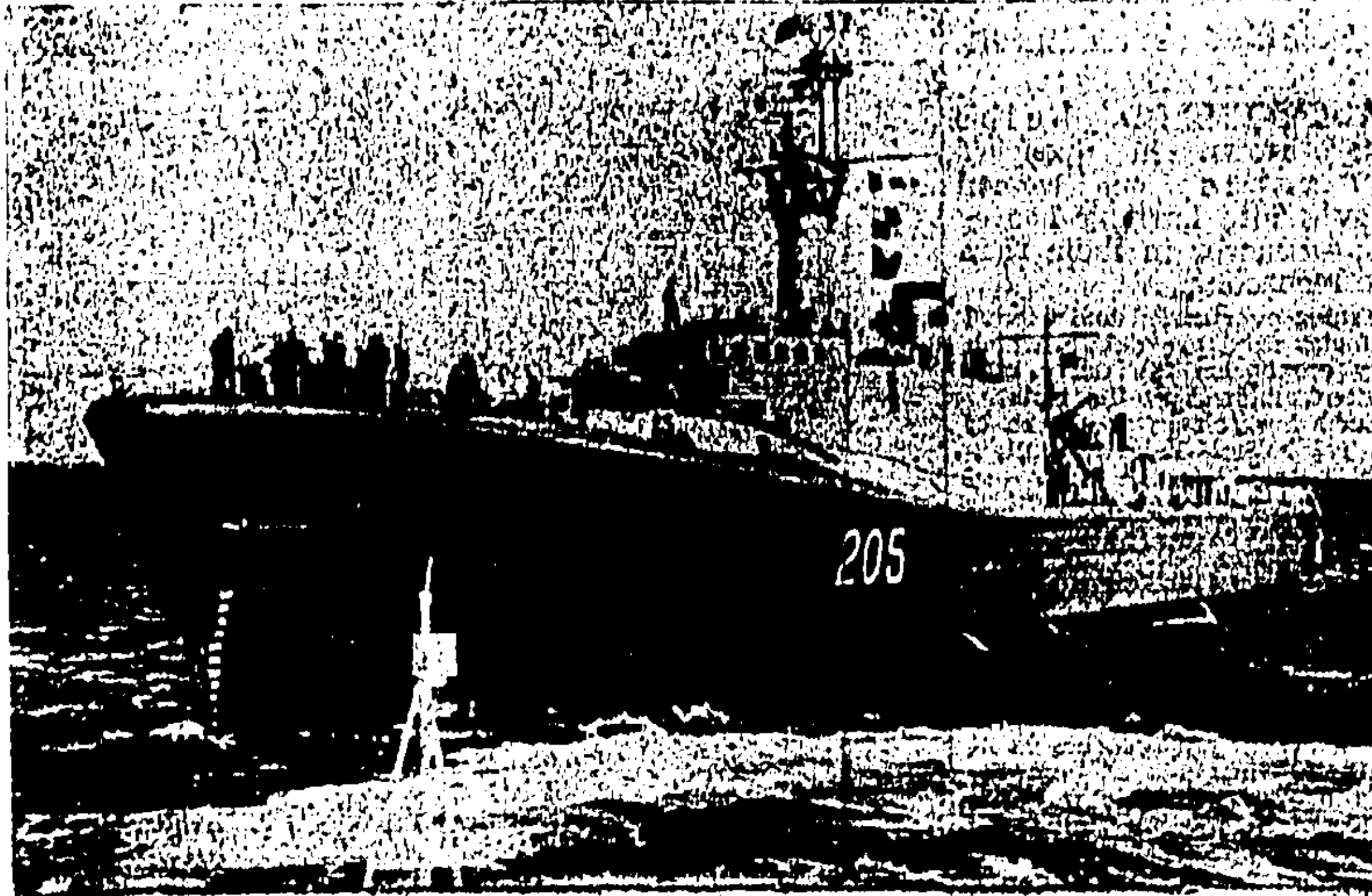
Turning to the situation in South Vietnam, M. Pineau said that although recent events in Indo-China had not been completely favourable to France, the French government must respect whatever settlements that are decided upon.

Delicate Problem

He added that he hoped a settlement would be found for the problems of Franco-Vietnam trade before the expiration of the present agreement on February 29.

M. Pineau said the evacuation of the French expatriate corps from South Vietnam, requested by the South Vietnamese Government, would not be a French military move.

He added that there still remained the delicate problem of France abiding by the commitment at the Geneva conference on Indo-China to maintain the security in Vietnam.—France Press.



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NO TALENT FOR TRAVEL

Auckland, Feb. 23. Three sophisticated performers at a talent contest in Auckland turned down the first prize of a free air trip to Australia and a theatrical audition in Sydney.

The prize went to a cornet player, who came fourth in the contest.—China Mail Special.

'GOOSE STEP' FORBIDDEN

Bonn, Feb. 23.

The "goose step" is forbidden in the new West German Army, according to its training regulations.

They make no mention of the step and forbid the teaching of movements not specified.

A Defence Ministry spokesman said there was no need for the goose step, which had been used largely in parades. Units of the new army, almost all of them motorised or equipped with tanks, would not march past, but would ride past.

The regulations for basic training lay down that barrack square drill shall take up only five per cent of the three months' course, compared with 30 per cent in the Nazi army, but combat training will take up 50 per cent, compared with 30 per cent in the old army.

Rifle Drill

Only specified units will do rifle drill. About 100 Defence Ministry officials are still working on new army regulations which will take advantage of the experience of the last war and the Korean and Indo-China wars.

Basic training will be hard, but each recruit will be respected as an individual. Duty and free time will be clearly marked off from one another. Air force regulations will be largely a translation of those in use in the American Air Force. About 250 transistors are at present working on this task. Command regulations for all three services are being worked out in consultation with NATO.—China Mail Special.

Malta Governor To See Lennox-Boyd

London, Feb. 23.

Sir Robert Lloyd, the Governor of Malta, arrived in London by air tonight for talks with Mr. Alan Lennox-Boyd, Secretary of State for the Colonies.

The Governor will report on the position in the "George Cross Island" following the recent referendum there on present plans for closer integration with Britain.

Though about three-quarters of the votes cast were in favour of the proposals for integration, only about 55 per cent of the electorate voted.

Sir Lloyd said the results of the referendum were not very conclusive, but added: "I still think the Prime Minister, Mr. David Lloyd George, may come to some agreement which is going to be acceptable to the people of the island."—China Mail Special.

New Canadian Navy Escort Vessel Undergoing Tests



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ARABIAN SLAVE TRAFFIC

Britain Attempting To Stop Traders

London, Feb. 23.

Britain is attempting to halt or curtail slave traffic in the crucial coast area of Southeast Arabia which is under British jurisdiction, British officials said here today.

Britain takes special interest in the slave question because of its commitments in Arabia and the Persian Gulf area, and because British public opinion has been shocked by reports of the slave traffic, officials said.

Britain is not authorised to interfere in the internal affairs of the seven crucial states. But local chiefs there have agreed to grant free status to any slave who obtains a freedom certificate from the British authorities, British sources said.

The slave trade is flourishing and centres chiefly round Saudi Arabia and the Yemen in the area formerly known as "the pirates' coast", sources said.

The slaves reportedly are captured in Central Africa, Ethiopia and Zanzibar by traders, who are often disguised as missionaries.

Open Market

The slaves are then shackled and shipped via the Gulf of Oman and the Persian Gulf to the heart of Saudi Arabia, where they are sold on the open market to leading Arabian families.

Authoritative quarters said Britain will continue to prompt more effective anti-slavery amendments to be tacked on to the International Anti-slavery Convention which was signed in 1926.

Britain played an active roll in drafting an anti-slavery agreement which will be submitted to the United Nations Economic and Social Council at its session next April, these quarters said.—France-Press.

POUJADISTS FINED FOR PROCESSION

Lille, Feb. 23.

A Lille court today ordered 12 Poujadist supporters to pay small fines for organising an irregular automobile procession through the streets of Lille during the electoral campaign.

The public prosecutor said public order had been disturbed by the procession of 18 Poujadist vehicles carrying slogans supporting the right-wing anti-tax movement of Pierre Poujade, on December 30.

The two chief organisers, Augustin Monore and Albert Labet, who admitted to the charges against them, were fined 20,000 francs each (about \$77).

Another alleged organiser, Henri Enis, who disclaimed responsibility for the rally, was fined 12,000 francs (\$38) and the other nine were each fined 6,000 francs (about \$23).—France-Press.

Communist Prestige Increased By Greek Elections

By Charles Ridley

Athens, Feb. 23.

Pro-Western Premier Constantin Karamanlis said today that despite his narrow election victory last Sunday, the Communists "undoubtedly increased their political power, prestige and influence" in Greek affairs.

However, the six-foot, dynamic Premier said, he still hopes to have his National Radical Union Party coalition rule alone for the next four years.

In an exclusive interview with the United Press in his Parliament building office, Mr. Karamanlis spoke freely his views on communism and the future of his government.

The interview with United Press proceeded the Premier's first general news conference since the election.

Prominent Play

It followed a similar exclusive interview yesterday with Mr. Sophocles Venizelos, a leader of the opposition Democratic Union faction, in which he charged that Mr. Karamanlis won the election through "pressure and abuse."

In view of the fact that the Venizelos interview was given prominent play in all Greek newspapers, Mr. Karamanlis was particularly anxious to give his side of the story.

Asked whether he believed the Communists were boosted by the elections, the strikingly handsome Premier fixed his black eyes on the reporter and said in staccato phrases:

"Undoubtedly, the Communists increased their power, prestige and influence as a result of the elections."

"They increased their power tangibly with seats in Parliament." (The camouflaged Communists in the EDA won 18 seats, and the fellow travelling Working People's Union Party won 19).

Centre Parties Fault

"Numerically, they do not represent a danger, but the improvement of the Communists' moral standing is what counts."

"The improvement in Communist prestige and moral influence is entirely the fault of the centre parties of Liberals George Papandreu and Sophocles Venizelos who teamed with the Communists for the purpose of the elections."

"If it were not for this alliance, the Communists would not have gained more than 15 seats and would not have had a foot in the eyes of the electorate—which they got as a result of the centre parties' collaboration."

"However, the majority I got—over a thousand—was enough for my party to run alone for a full four-year term, as is my intention."

New Finn President

Capetown, Feb. 23.

South Africa's Parliament in a joint sitting tonight gave a second reading to the Nationalist government's bill to remove coloured voters from common electoral rolls.

The government's extra supporters in the Senate enabled the Nationalists to reject by 171 votes to 65 a United Party amendment to kill the bill.—Reuter.

Not A Gift

The State Department spokesman said wheat was not a gift but a private sale between an American seller and an Egyptian buyer.

As the wheat was sold for local currency under United States surplus disposal laws, the State Department's only action was to issue purchase authorisation guaranteeing dollars to the American seller. The department was reimbursed with Egyptian currency.

A spokesman said the State Department was not involved in any conditions laid down by the Egyptian buyer on actual transportation of wheat.—Reuter.

Singapore Women Energetic

Singapore, Feb. 24. Mrs. Annam Swaminathan, a member of the Indian Parliament, said here last night that Singapore women were more energetic than women in India.

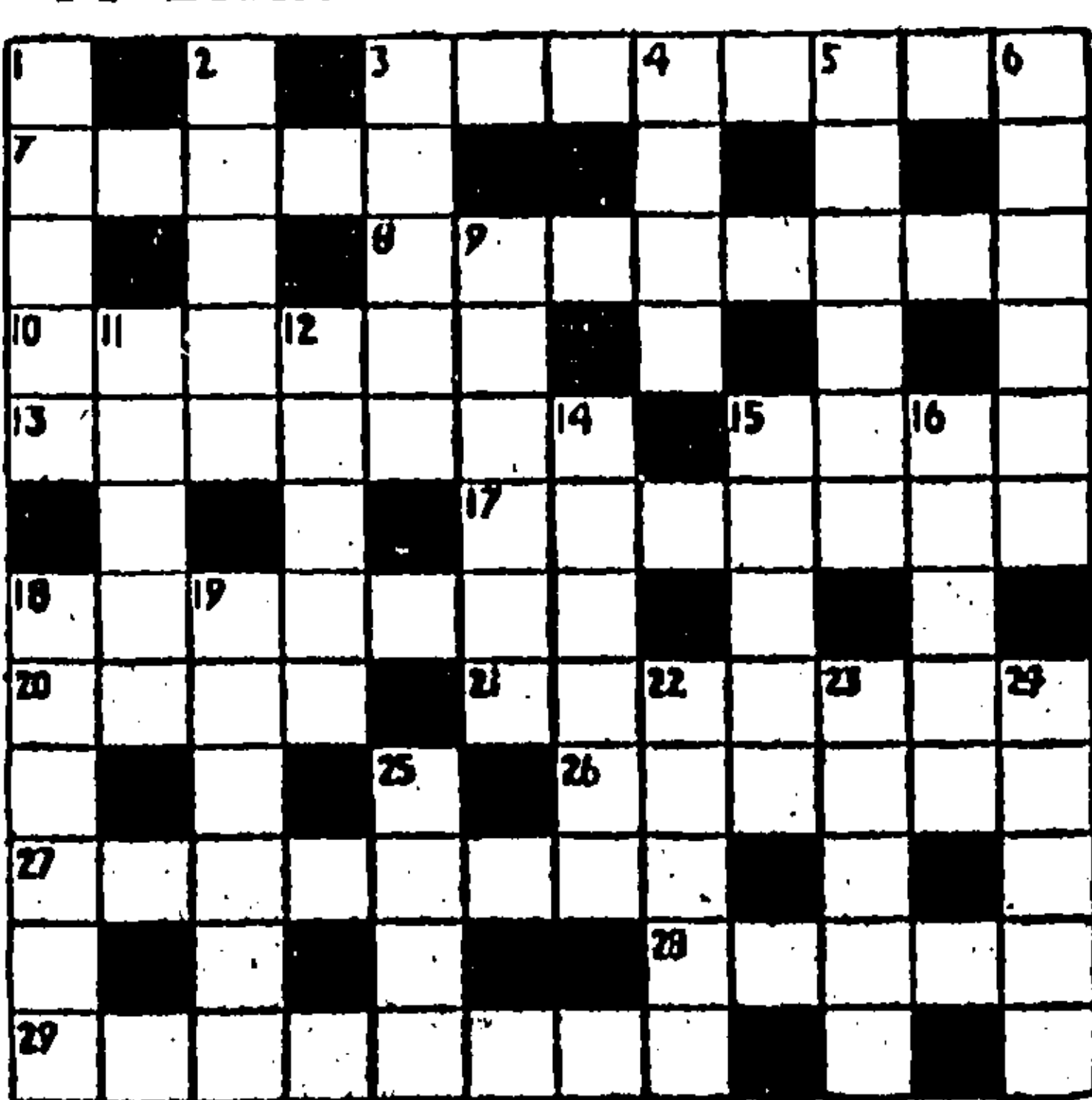
She said: "Most of the women I have met here are fully engaged in social activities." Mrs. Swaminathan is on a short visit to Malaya to gain first hand knowledge of the conditions of deck passengers travelling between Indian and Malayan ports. She will submit a report on this to the Indian Ministry of Transport.—Reuter.

NORWEGIAN ENVOY TO CHINA

Paris, Feb. 23. Chairman Mao Tse-tung of the Chinese People's Republic this afternoon received Mr. Ernest Krogh-Hansen, the first ambassador of Norway to China, the New China news agency reported.

Mr. Chen Biao, Chinese Premier and Foreign Minister, was present at the reception, the agency said.—France-Press.

A British Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS
3 Bold (8)
7 Rule (5)
9 Values (6)
10 Unruffled (6)
13 Go before (7)
15 Bird (4)
17 Magazine (7)
18 Sailing meeting (7)
20 Prepare for publication (4)
21 Break away (7)
22 Printing mistake (6)
27 Height (8)
28 Gloss (5)
29 Inmate (8)

DOWN
1 Clutch (6)
2 Chemical (5)
3 Flocks (5)
4 Regrets (4)
5 Part of an engine (6)
6 Scatter (6)
8 Sober (6)
11 Went away (5)
12 Distinction (6)
14 Rubbed out (6)
16 Excludes (6)
19 Man-servant (6)
23 Saddle bulks (6)
24 Trained (6)
25 Discourage (6)
26 Boss (4)

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD.—Across: 1 Spread, 8 Rabbit, 9 Dived, 9 Annual, 10 Power, 11 Major, 12 Live, 13 Seals, 14 Delect, 15 Treated, 20 Evans, 22 Chap, 23 Steps, 25 India, 26 Basin, 27 Gross, 29 Amend, 29 Thesis, Down: 1 Sea-shore, 2 Honoured, 3 Adam, 4 Dilates, 5 Reposed, 6 Address, 7 Ideal, 14 Athletes, 15 Supports, 16 Dastard, 17 Tempest, 18 Ensign, 21 Victim, 24 Bait.

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INDIA'S BITTER CHOICE

By James Wickenden

A CID-FILLED bulbs thrown in people's faces or women shoved into burning houses are no newer in India than the monsoon.

Trams overturned and enamel factories fired are details which only emphasise the dust-ridden maelstrom of the riots. Even a crack in the dome of the Taj Mahal, India's architectural pearl, or the sight of businessmen haying their shadows measured by half-naked fortune tellers, seem to confirm no real change on the broad, noisy bosom of Mother India.

But when old shoes are hung round Nehru's portrait in the street, and he sees fit to give half a dozen pep speeches in 24 hours, a crack bigger than the Taj's becomes visible in the edifice of its modern state. The trouble goes back to 1953, to South India, and Nehru's promise to create a one-language state after the movement's leader had starved to death. Andhra was the first linguistic province and set a precedent for a new form of miniature nationalism based on race and tongue.

BOMBAY RIOTS

A NDHRA was also the strongest centre of the Indian Communist Party, then an offspring of the Kremlin. It was only a matter of time before other Indian peoples stirred to sub-nationalism. And for the Communists to fan the flames—despite being jettisoned by Russia in the Bulgarian wooing of Delhi.

So early this year Bombay blew up in the worst riots ever seen there. Both the Marhattas and Gujaratis wanted Bombay as the capital of their own linguistic states. They were crushed by tight rings of police firing tear-gas and bullets.

The quarrel was officially closed when Nehru announced that neither Marhattas nor Sikhs could have Bombay—Delhi would rule it instead.

To round off the iron-fisted decision, Delhi moved to Bombay secret police chief Gop. Hunda, his orders: wipe out the Communist lice who fanned the riots. To add him was Bombay's boss, S. K. Patil who once ran Andhra's Congress Party machine and beat the Communists in the last vital election. He claims optimism that this "is a tiny war for a showdown with the Communists."

But no one believes that is the end of the affair. The one-language issue has only begun to explode. Two great peoples—the Marhattas and the Sikhs—still ferment and thirst for their own state.

HARD TO RESIST

PROBLEM before Delhi—to resist sub-nationalism will play into Communist hands, to let it loose will splinter the precarious unity of India, held together by the linchpin of Delhi and aging Nehru.

Sub-nationalism would also harm other peoples, and their interests and probably start more of those terrible refugee troika familiar in India's early history.

But the pressure is hard to resist. For the Marhattas and Sikhs are two of India's most vigorous races, and both form large, virile contingents in India's armed forces.

And, to Nehru, sub-nationalism's greatest threat must be to his brain-child of Indian socialism and the brave new world to be built from five year plans, the second of which has just been launched. Above all, these plans depend on national unity and a sense of building economic progress among the peasants. Reactionism may well bring such dreams to a grinding halt.

But the darkest cloud of all over the great continent is the fate of Nehru himself. In his hands have been gathered all the important reins of power, and observers say he is aging fast. If he goes soon, the floodgates of hate will open.

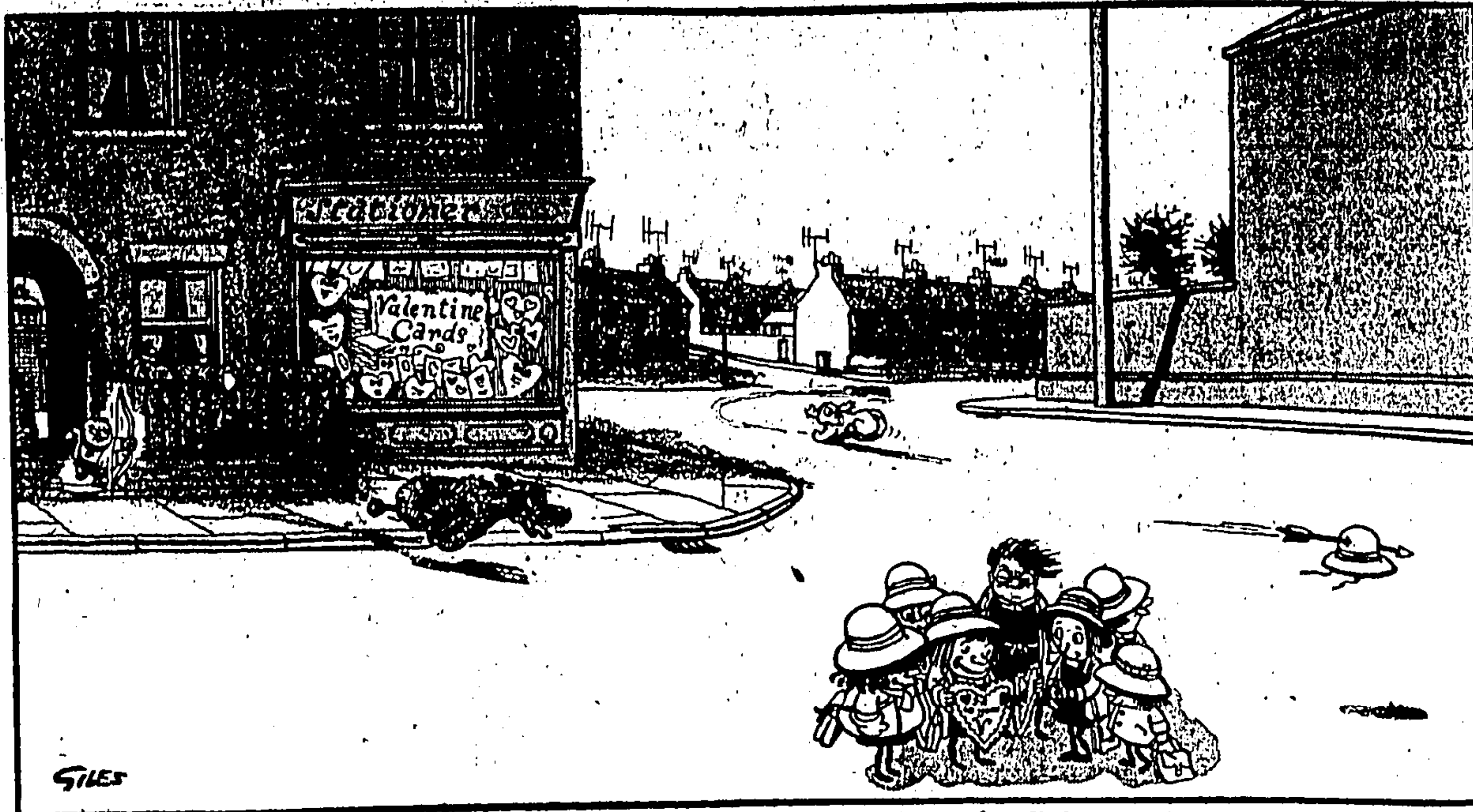
GRAVE PROBLEM

THEN—say pessimistic businessmen—India will be Balkanised in a decade. A great nation, the bulwark of modern nationalism in South Asia and its chief moral support, will be atomised in racial wars.

So far Nehru has apparently groomed a successor, or stiffened the higher levels of party against the shock of his death.

India could accept the death of Gandhi because other men of stature were there, young enough to hold the country together on a continuing line of national sentiment. But Nehru is like the last of the Mohicans—there are no more after him.

This is India today, with her bitter choice—either of a forest of states within the state, threatening unity, or an ever more rigid control from Delhi, paralysing her people's natural aspirations. It is the commonwealth's and Asia's greatest problem in this half century.



Cupid is a knavish lad—Thus to make poor females mad. (Shakespeare.)

London Express Service

HENRY THE SECOND WINS FIGHT FOR POWER

THE FABULOUS FORDS

PART FOUR OF DON IDDON'S FASCINATING STORY OF A FAMILY

W HEN Henry Ford the First was becoming an old, tired man, losing money by the millions and being outmanoeuvred by General Motors, Harry Bennett was at the peak of his power.

He had five homes—a ranch house and island estate on the Detroit River, a "cottage" on Lake St. Clair, an Oriental mansion on Grosse Ile, and cabins on another island in Michigan's Huron River. His influence over Ford was complete. Bennett's office, which Ford frequently used, in the company's administration building in Dearborn, had a 6ft-square control board with signal lights, switch keys, and buttons and radio-telephones.

Towards the end of his era Bennett said: "Mr Ford owes me nothing. I am not a sleuth, I'm not Mr Ford's closest associate and adviser as the newspapers sometimes tell it, I am a trouble-shooter for the Ford Motor Company."

Later he was to contradict himself and say: "I'm Mr Ford's personal man." He regarded Henry Ford II, as a boy and an innocent.

Henry II, who was in the class of 1940 at Yale, didn't graduate and belonged to a number of secret societies and clubs, including the famous "Book and Snake." He managed the Yale crew and was sold, depended on, and loved, and even liked him. He liked fun, but the stories that young Ford was a playboy did not stand up.

The Riddle

A SKED why he didn't graduate from Yale he says: "They thought I was too stupid, I guess."

Maybe Harry Bennett thought he was too stupid also. He used to say: "There are a lot of geniuses around here and I hope Henry Ford II will learn to back them as his grandfather did."

Young Ford became a director of the company and was well liked in the factory and executives' offices. He moved slowly and learned fast. Bennett said Henry I would not allow him or anyone else to coach young Ford. The grandson of the industrialist said: "I'm green and looking for the answers."

One of the answers he was to look for was the riddle of Harry Bennett and his immense power. Henry Ford II is not a glib talker, but he did say this: "You just couldn't talk with your grandfather about Bennett. He wouldn't listen, or if he did he'd cut you off with something about Bennett being his loyal right arm."

The young Ford, today head of the vast firm which his grandfather built, probably felt from the start that there were

many wrongs to be righted and it was his job.

He had a brief year with the company after leaving Yale and joined the Navy in 1941, where he would have stayed until the end of the war but for the death of his father.

With Henry I, showing his great age and with the firing of some of the leading Ford executives, Bennett was almost in full power. When Henry II re-entered the empire it appeared to be crumbling. The elder Ford had lost his grip.

Perhaps the Second World War had taken more out of the last billionaire than we all know.

There was little peace in his own factories. Bennett was running the show and Henry II found himself with responsibility and no power. He had the title of Executive Vice-President, but as he says: "I never had any specific job that I can remember."

Whenever he tried to get anything done Bennett would say: "I've just been talking that over with your grandfather and it's been decided that..." "I've just come from your grandfather, who says..."

LATER Henry II said: "Bennett and I were going at each other by this time. It was a matter of who could do what to whom. One of us was going to end up on top. There sure as hell wouldn't be any in-between."

Young Henry needed lieutenants, and he found them. He got Jack Davis, a friend of his family and former sales manager, and he recruited John Bugas, a former FBI man who had once worked for Bennett.

This was a daring move but it came off. Bugas infiltrated Bennett's system with his own agents. He was the counter secret agent working for Henry II, and helping to

destroy Bennett's camp from within.

Other men rallied to Henry II, although now and again he became discouraged. He told his friends: "This thing killed my father, but I'll be damned if I let it kill me, and I am going to get out before it does."

He even threatened to write to all the Ford dealers telling them that the company was dying and that they should save themselves. This was the period when the company was losing \$300 on every car it made and was getting deeper and deeper in the red.

His friends told him to continue the fight. And Henry Ford I, by the spring of 1945, was in his death.

Bugas advised Henry II to strike hard at Bennett and have the crisis intervened with old Henry and Mrs Ford. Edsel's widow also helped her son in a hundred ways.

The Letter

S TIFENED with this support young Henry went to see his grandfather at Fair Lane, and was shocked at the old man's appearance. He talked for hours with his grandmother about the difficulties and dangers that were engulfing the Ford interests.

Mrs Ford pledged her full co-operation and Henry I, himself, perhaps feeble or perhaps realising at last what was happening to the colossus he had built, agreed to resign the presidency of the company and advise that young Henry replace him. Acting with speed to forestall Bennett, Henry II prepared a letter laying down this new arrangement, and took

it to his grandfather, who signed it.

Young Ford and his group dared not meet in the Ford factory itself, and hired a Detroit hotel room to plan their campaign.

Jack Davis described the meeting as: "This was a revolution, and Henry was leading it. He needed a cabinet damn fast."

BUT there had been a leak somewhere and Bennett had been tipped off. When young Ford went to the administration building the next day Bennett came up to him and said: "Henry, a wonderful thing has happened. I've been talking with your grandfather and I've persuaded him to make you president of the company."

Henry II said nothing, but after the directors' meeting, when the others were leaving, he motioned to Bennett and told him to stay. Then he told Bennett: "You and I don't agree about things, and never have, and if I am going to be president of this company, I don't want you in my organisation."

Bennett was through, although he continued to get his salary for 16 months. When he walked out Bennett left behind him a company in chaos, and it was Henry Ford II, who brought order and later huge profit and prosperity.

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DOCTOR WARNS: TEDDY BOYS WITH A COSH

PENICILLIN BRINGS NEW DANGER

(FROM A MEDICAL CORRESPONDENT)

HOSPITAL authorities are seriously concerned because doctors are using penicillin and other germ-killers too freely—even for coughs and colds.

If this goes on, the doctor may become "a sort of Teddy Boy with an anti-biotic cosh in his hand," says Dr James Ronald, of Inverness, in the *Frederician*.

Penicillin is widely regarded as the "safest" germ-killer in the doctor's bag. In fact, its widespread and casual use is building up danger.

For patients who have repeated infections and doses of penicillin are becoming resistant to it, just as flies are growing used to DDT.

London often proof against other powerful antibiotics too.

The result is that a new breed of bacteria is spreading and cooking a smook at the "wonder drugs."

The strange new drug-defying microbes are mainly to be found where they can do the most harm—in hospitals.

More than half the nurses in some large hospitals harbour them in the nose or throat, without being made ill in any way. But they can pass on these dangerous germs to patients, who carry them outside.

Even newborn babies in maternity clinics pick them up in a few days.

When the "armour" of penicillin is no longer a cure, there are now 10 antibiotics in common use. Germs can be

come injured to almost all of them.

That is why the Medical Research Council has sent behind the Iron Curtain for samples of a new antibiotic called albomycin.

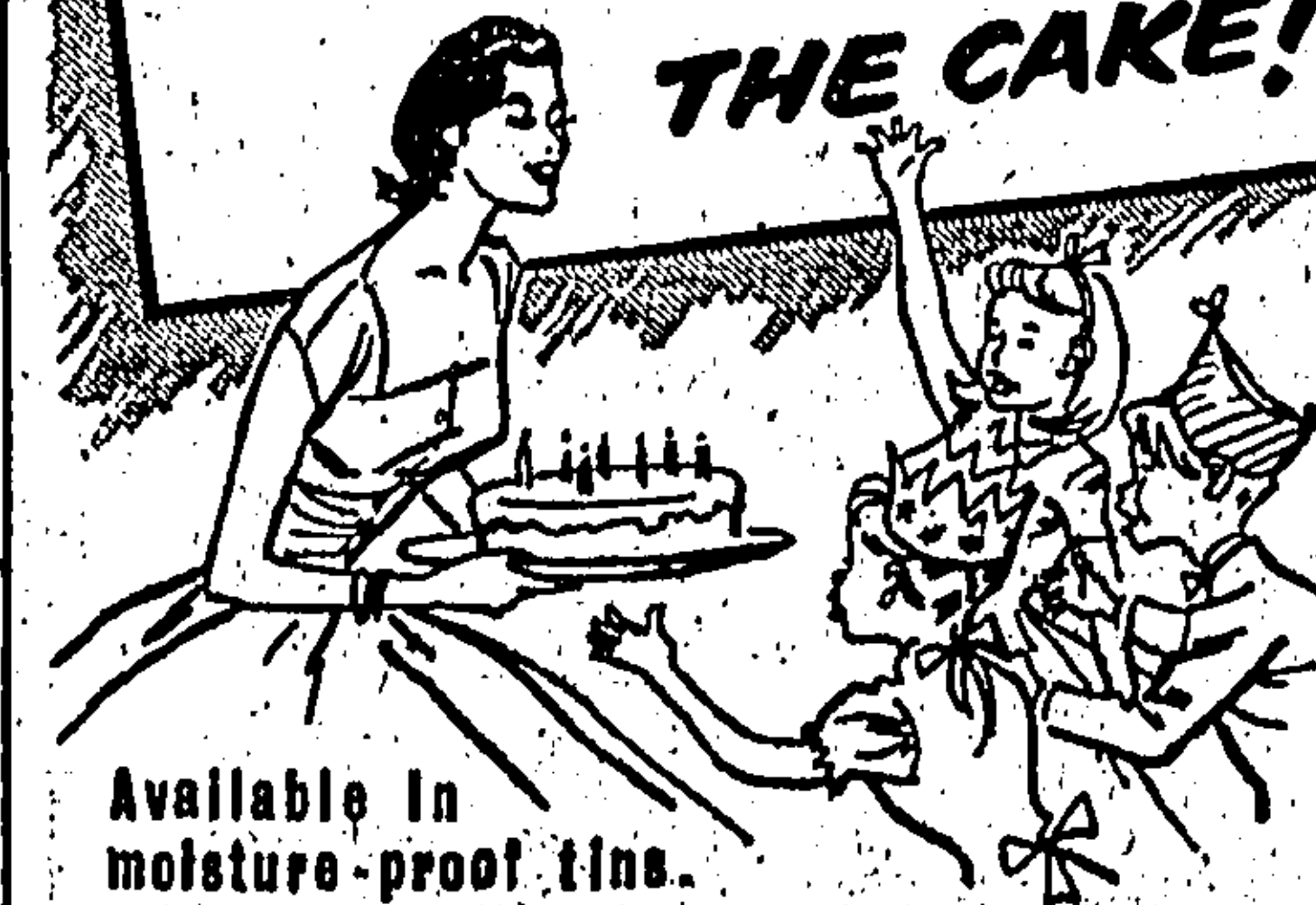
Russian doctors claim that this red powder is 10 times stronger than penicillin and just as safe.

But, more important, it prevents germs from building up resistance to it, and will kill germs against which penicillin has become powerless.

There is already in Britain another "priceless" antibiotic known as erythromycin which can kill germs resistant to penicillin.

This, many hospital doctors are convinced, should never be used, except for those critical cases where all other drugs have failed.

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BY THE WAY

by Beachcomber

"He looked down his instrument at me," said the conductor of a town band.

What a picture of scorn and contempt. I see the culprit, pointing at the conductor and looking along and down with a curled lip and that wrinkling of the nose which betokens superiority.

Even a flute-player can convey contempt by an insolent glance across his small instrument. The pianist lowers his head over the keys and looks sideways an irritably at a grocer who puts three pouts to give short weight. The violinist's method is to flick the air with his bow after a passage, as though to say, "Take it or leave it." The cellist, head bent, can even put his tongue out rudely, pretending that this schoolboy trick is due to concentration on his playing. An

extra class with the cymbals can not only ruin the effect of a piece of music but is the classical method of daring defiance of the conductor.

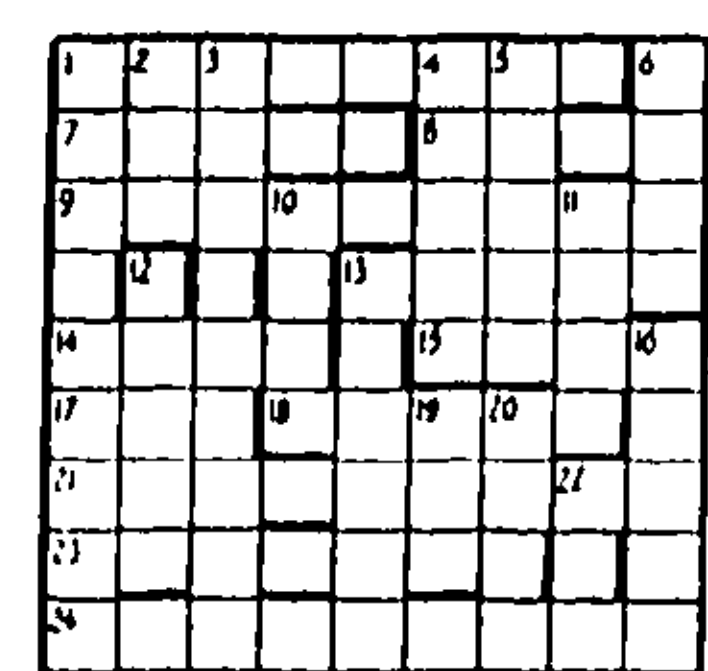
A complicated ritual

BUN-BORERS, the men who make the holes in buns into which the old currants are fitted, will only consent to bore the under-side of the bun. The upper side is work for the currant pluggers, who are handed the currants by bun-workers. The under-side of the bun is bored by currant-operatives, and if they interfere with the sides of the bun they cause a strike of lateral bun-porters who carry currants intended for the sides of buns. The work of settling the currants into the holes is done by bun-finishers, and unskilled bun-men.

Who bores holes in fish?

SHOULD the necessary holes in the leather thongs attached to a sheet of cardboard reinforced with zinc be bored by leatherworkers, cardboard workers or zincworkers? The blackhead strike, even if it does nothing else, will throw a wavering light on this question. There has been no such delicate question since it was decided that the edges of a ticket, displayed on a train, must be painted by an edge-painter, not by a receipt-painter. As for sheets of wood, automation will bring us automatic wood-peckers to bore the holes, the use of which will have been forgotten during a nineteenth-century strike. The holes, when bored, will be filled up again by agreement between the hole-bungers and the filler-uppers after seventeen weeks of negotiation.

CROSSWORD



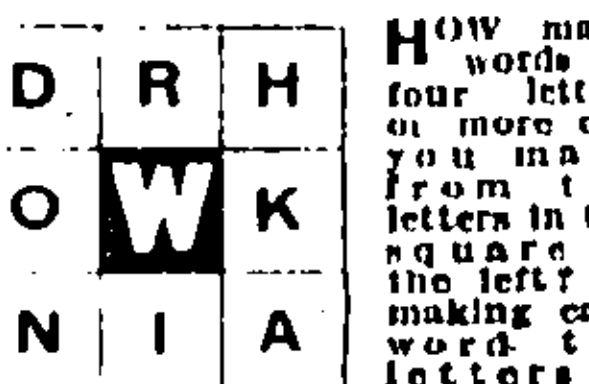
Across

1. Dist. pane. (anag.). (8)
2. You may go through this to achieve peace of mind. (5)
3. It's a racketeer in a dashy, minor way. (4)
4. Hazy fine. (anag.). (9)
5. Hafer. (6)
6. Christopher Bean was on this stage. (4)
7. Explosive mountain. (4)
8. Not at all well. (3)
9. The colour is dim. (5)
10. Man who it's a cat for action. (8)
11. Anyone who does this makes himself a fool. (5)
12. Nearly everybody is in a detective story. (9)

Down

1. Cricketers sometimes feel and when returning to them. (9)
2. Horn am. (5)
3. Unquestionably. (9)
4. Give out—of the Army, given out. (5)
5. Put off. (5)
6. The bowler's test period. (4)
7. Oath with a bowler has, maybe. (4)
8. Give the ointment. (5)
9. Firm the horse's home. (10)
10. It's a D. (5)
11. The man who once had her eyes. (5)
12. It comes into a man's mind about work and home. (10)
13. One of the Chinese ports. (5)

TARGET



HOW many words of four letters or more can you make from the letters in the square on the right? In making each word, the letters must be used in the same order as they appear in the square. **YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION.** **DRIFT** (1), **DRIP** (2), **DRIP** (3), **DRIP** (4), **DRIP** (5), **DRIP** (6), **DRIP** (7), **DRIP** (8), **DRIP** (9), **DRIP** (10), **DRIP** (11), **DRIP** (12), **DRIP** (13), **DRIP** (14), **DRIP** (15), **DRIP** (16), **DRIP** (17), **DRIP** (18), **DRIP** (19), **DRIP** (20), **DRIP** (21), **DRIP** (22), **DRIP** (23), **DRIP** (24), **DRIP** (25), **DRIP** (26), **DRIP** (27), **DRIP** (28), **DRIP** (29), **DRIP** (30), **DRIP** (31), **DRIP** (32), **DRIP** (33), **DRIP** (34), **DRIP** (35), **DRIP** (36), **DRIP** (37), **DRIP** (38), **DRIP** (39), **DRIP** (40), **DRIP** (41), **DRIP** (42), **DRIP** (43), **DRIP** (44), **DRIP** (45), **DRIP** (46), **DRIP** (47), **DRIP** (48), **DRIP** (49), **DRIP** (50), **DRIP** (51), **DRIP** (52), **DRIP** (53), **DRIP** (54), **DRIP** (55), **DRIP** (56), **DRIP** (57), **DRIP** (58), **DRIP** (59), **DRIP** (60), **DRIP** (61), **DRIP** (62), **DRIP** (63), **DRIP** (64), **DRIP** (65), **DRIP** (66), **DRIP** (67), **DRIP** (68), **DRIP** (69), **DRIP** (70), **DRIP** (71), **DRIP** (72), **DRIP** (73), **DRIP** (74), **DRIP** (75), **DRIP** (76), **DRIP** (77), **DRIP** (78), **DRIP** (79), **DRIP** (80), **DRIP** (81), **DRIP** (82), **DRIP** (83), **DRIP** (84), **DRIP** (85), **DRIP** (86), **DRIP** (87), **DRIP** (88), **DRIP** (89), **DRIP** (90), **DRIP** (91), **DRIP** (92), **DRIP** (93), **DRIP** (94), **DRIP** (95), **DRIP** (96), **DRIP** (97), **DRIP** (98), **DRIP** (99), **DRIP** (100).

JACOBY ON BRIDGE

Minor Bid Is Bold Play

By OSWALD JACOBY

A FEW weeks ago this column presented some examples of the "unusual" no-trump overall. Such a bid is usually made at the level of two, especially when it is clear from the earlier bidding that no-trump cannot possibly be an attractive contract.

For example, suppose that an opponent opens the bidding with one spade and that his partner raises to two spades. This is passed around to your partner, who thereupon bids two no-trump. It is very unlikely that your partner really wants to play this hand at no-trump since he merely passed over the opening bid of one spade. Hence his sudden decision to bid two no-trump should show a different kind of hand.

Among expert players, the "unusual" no-trump overall asks partner to choose one of the minor suits. This is a kind of takeout double, except that the emphasis is very strongly on the minor suits. A double would call chiefly for a response in the unbid major.

In today's hand, the "unusual" no-trump bid was made at the level of three. South speculated on the possibility that North might have a long and solid diamond suit together with a

NORTH 27

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K J 10 7 6 2
K Q 7 4 3

WEST EAST (D)
K 10 7 5 A Q 9 8 3
A 5 3 J 9 7
A 8 4 K 9 5 3
10 6 A

SOUTH
J 4 2
K Q 8 4 2
None
J 9 8 5

East-West vul

East South West North

1 Pass 3 Pass 3 N.T.

Pass 4 Pass Pass

4 Pass Double Pass

Opening lead—A 5

single stopper in spades. It seemed reasonably safe, however, for South to bid four clubs. If North had support for both minors, the takeout to four clubs was vital. If North had a long solid diamond suit, he would rescue himself at four diamonds.

When no rescue occurred, South felt confident that he had made the correct interpretation of his partner's no-trump bid. Hence he pushed boldly on to five clubs as a sacrifice against East's bid of four spades.

The sacrifice was a fine idea. East would have made game and rubber with his bid of four spades, scoring 700 points for the rubber and 120 points for his tricks. At five clubs doubled, South managed to win ten tricks, losing only 100 points. This excellent sacrifice would not have been possible but for North's use of the unusual no-trump overall to invite a bid in a minor suit.

♥♦♣♦♥ CARD SENSE ♦♥

Q—The bidding has been:

South West North East

1 Diamond Pass 1 Spade Pass

You, South, hold:

A K W R J 4 A Q 7 5 2 A 7 3 2

What do you do?

A—Bid one no-trump. It is better to show that you have a minimum balanced hand than to rebid a weak five-card suit.

TODAY'S QUESTION

The bidding is the same as in the question just answered. You, South, hold:

A 7 3 2 W R J 4 A Q 7 5 2 A 7 3 2

What do you do?

Answer Tomorrow

YOUR BIRTHDAY ... By STELLA

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 24

BORN today you possess artistic talents which may be expressed in the field of art, music, or drama. You have a sense of humor and a feeling for the dramatic.

Loyal in your friendships, you are responsible and unselfish. It comes to affairs of the heart. It is likely that you will have more than one romance. Yet, once you have made your choice, you will show an inherent wholeness in those outside your own family circle.

You are industrious and are always finding work to do. You cannot bear to sit idle, doing nothing. Although you will probably make considerable money during your lifetime, you may not end up with a great deal for you are a lavish spender.

You would be wise to put aside a little something regularly for the traditional "rainy day."

Your intuitions are keen and sometimes each psychic impression. This leads some to believe that you actually have what is called "second sight."

Among those born on this date are: Rudolph (Gau), George (Wm), Charles and John (Hartbert), Arthur, Gen. John (Burgoyne), pioneer; Whitlow (Homer), artist; Henry (Kirk), sculptor; Chester (Nimitz), U.S.N.

To find what the stars have in store for you tomorrow, select your birthday star and read the corresponding paragraph. Let your birthday star be your daily guide.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25

PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 21)—If planning a trip, this would be a auspicious day to start on your journey.

ARIES (Mar. 22-Apr. 20)—Act speedily on all opportunities offered today if you desire to make the best possible progress.

Taurus (Apr. 21-May 21)—A fine day for business, especially if you are in retail selling. Make handsome profits now.

GEMINI (May 22-June 21)—Have a definite objective in view and then follow it through to a successful conclusion.

CANCER (June 22-July 23)—You may be a little more mature than you are normally today, for the stars are propitious.

LEO (July 24-Aug. 23)—If you will stick to essentials, you will find that you are making marked progress in a definite direction.

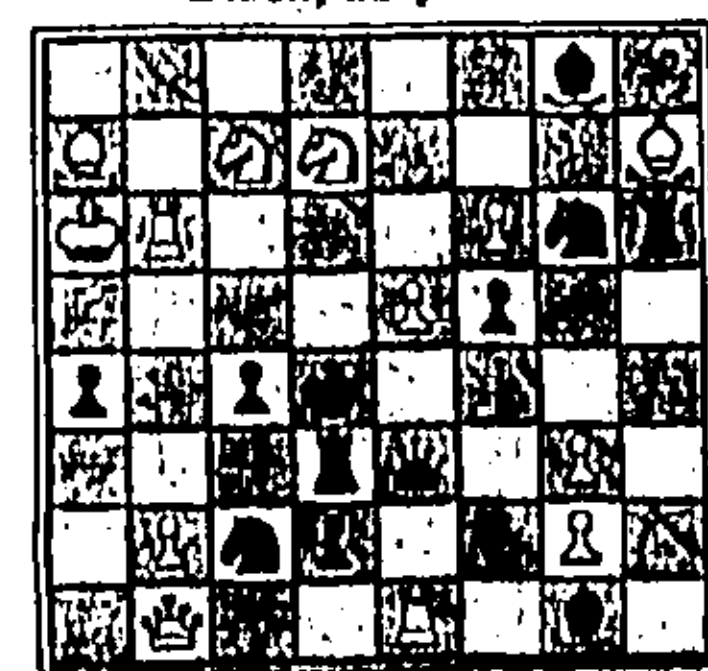
VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept. 23)—Devote the day to sports and outdoor recreation if the weather is fair. Relaxation is what you need.

LIRIA (Sept. 24-Oct. 23)—The daytime hours are the best for all.

CHESS PROBLEM

By G. H. DRESE

Black, 12 pieces



White, 13 pieces.

White to play; mate in three.

Solution to yesterday's problem:

1. QxQBP, any; 2. Q, B, or K; mate.

This Funny World



McNaughton Syndicate, Inc. American Legion Magazine

I know they're empty... I ate the stuff while I was waiting in line.

WOMANSENSE

The Big Twelve Collections In London Present—

Slender Silhouettes For Spring And Summer

By BETTY WILSON

THE London spring line, as these sketches from the collections shown by the twelve members of the Incorporated Society of London Dress Designers indicate, is meant for the tall and slender woman—the woman who watches her weight and somehow contrives to ward off those dandy extra pounds.

She will look wonderful in John Cavanagh's "streak line," in Michael's clean-cut, two-piece, in the pipe stem-straight skirts, characteristic of these new streamlined collections, and in suits and topsuits with flying panels which are as arresting as an exclamation mark.

Happily for the shorter woman, especially if she tends to put on weight about the hips, London designers are also showing flared or finely-pleated skirts. Normal waistlines are set against a long torso treatment which sleeks down to cling tightly to the hips.

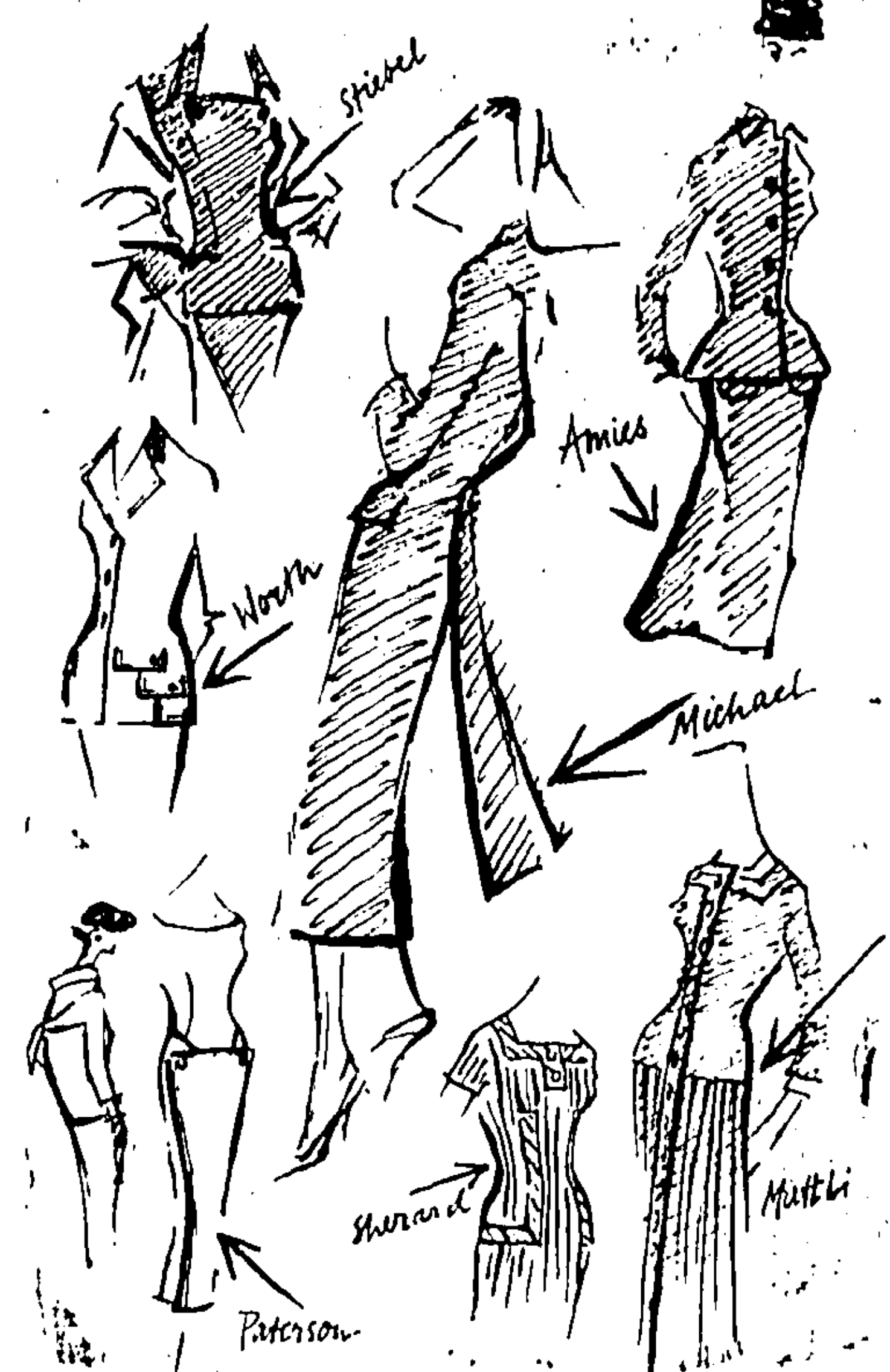
Casual Chic

There are plenty of these eminently wearable two-pieces, suits and dresses designed with the right kind of understated, casual chic. Yet they are easy to look at and easy to wear.

If these wearable clothes are not sketched and not written about as much as the starker spring silhouettes, it is because wearability is seldom news.

Balanced by much more important hats—three dimensional in their new volume—the predominant London line is as clean-cut and sharp as a sickle.

Details help deceive the eye in hinting at a new effect of drawn-out length. From a relaxed torso line, jackets and



clean-cut panels flit out at skirt backs. Diagonal wrap-over treatments, buttoned down, have the same scissors look. Jackets are often placed to attract attention to a lower neckline. In the case of Hardy Amies he removes pockets from his jackets and places them on his skirts so that they show beneath the lengthened sickle curve of waist into hips.

The sketches here show some of the highlights from London's twelve top couture collections.

The sketch on the left is centered by John Cavanagh's "streak" prototype dress, which is made in bright pink tweed. The sleeveless bodice fits easily, then streaks down to the tightly-fitting hips and into a narrow skirt. It is worn with Simone Mirman's crested hat which consists only of a wide crushed tulle brim.

Sketched beside it is another bright pink suit—pink is optimistically reflected throughout these collections—made in fine ribbed jersey. Here the relaxed jacket line inches down to fit snugly at the hips and the line is continued in the narrow skirt. A cluster of red cherries dangles from one side of the jacket and is matched by cherry red gloves. The hat is a berry made in the same pink wool jersey as the suit.

Knarf and Hanid couldn't help laughing.

"Chirpie," said Hanid, "you're a darling bird, but you're silly. Didn't you know that a crow's nest was on a ship at the top of a mast? Didn't you know that a mast was part of a ship?"

"Well," said Chirpie, "I found out. I'm glad I was able to fly home. That's why I'm so hungry now. I won't listen to those Crows any more. I don't like their kind of jokes. And thank you again for the crumbs."

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HOUSEHOLD HINTS

Enriched bread and whole wheat bread make important contributions of iron and B-vitamins—thiamine, niacin and riboflavin—to the diet. Bread also provides considerable protein and energy.

Suedes, buckskins and nappy leather shoes should be cleaned with a fairly stiff brush after being treated with liquid suede dressing.

Watch out for "suede brushes" with wire bristles. They often break down the nap of the shoes. An inexpensive

bath sponge will clean the shoes as well as an expensive "suede brush."

When food is fried on a gas range, popping grease often splatters the burners not in use. Pie plates turned upside down over the unlit burners protect them from splashes of grease, and are easily cleaned.

Use an ice cube tray for hardening fudge to give uniform pieces. Butter the tray lightly so the partition can be easily removed.

BOYS' AND GIRLS' MAGAZINE

Chirpie's Discovery

—He Finds The Crow's Nest Isn't On A Tree—

By MAX TRELL

"WELL," said Chirpie Sparrow to Knarf and Hanid, the shadow-children with the turned-about names, "I'm certainly glad to be home again. Ah, I see you've laid out some nice bread crumbs for me. Thank you very much."

And now Chirpie Sparrow began picking up the crumbs in his beak and swallowing them. But Hanid interrupted. "What was that you were saying about being glad to be home again? Were you away?"

"Was I away!" exclaimed Chirpie. "I never want to get that far away again!"

SPORTS ROUNDABOUT

Step Up For Under Twenty-Threes

By W. CAPEL KIRBY

Who plays for England "B" against Scotland "B" at Dundee on February 29? I gather promotion for our bright under-23s is the line the selectors will take when they pick the team.

This could mean forward steps for Reg Matthews (Coventry) Maurice Norman (Spurs), Duncan Edwards, David Pegg (Manchester United), Vic Groves (Arsenal) and John Atyeo (Bristol Rovers).

If I have left out centre-half Trevor Smith, of Birmingham, it's only because Joe Kennedy is playing so well for West Bromwich just now.

Also due for discussion in London is the selection of the FA party to tour South Africa next summer.

We need to have fairly strong representation because South Africa conceded only one goal in winning five recent Soccer Tests in Australia. Moreover, it was the only Springbok touring team of any description ever to return unbeaten.

NICE FOR SWANS
Humours that John Charles is leaving Leeds were inspired by the Welsh international telling Swansea trainer, Joe Sykes he wouldn't mind assisting the Vetch Field club to promotion.

Similarly I heard Roy Paul remark to a Swans director:

WORLD TABLE TENNIS

Diane Rowe To Partner Haydon In Corbillion Cup

London, Feb. 23.
Diane Rowe, whose married twin sister, Mrs Rosalind Cornett, has temporarily retired from competitive table tennis, will pair with 17-year-old Ann Haydon for the Doubles in the Marcor Corbillion Cup in the World Championships in Tokyo in April.

The English pair, both left-handers, have played together only once before—last month's international match between England and Wales. They won their game easily.

If their styles continue to blend, Miss Rowe and Miss Haydon will form a strong partnership and make a determined bid to regain the Corbillion Cup, which Miss Rowe and her sister helped win for England in 1948.

The Rowe twins had been too seeded for the Doubles in next week's English Open Championships at Manchester, having won the title for the past six years. Officials have now given permission for Diane and Ann Haydon to team up in this event, as Miss Haydon's original partner, Line Wertz, of Austria, cannot play. This will give the pair valuable match practice for the Tokyo trip.

At Manchester, Miss Rowe and Miss Haydon have as their main rivals the crack Hungarian pair, Eva Koczian and Gizl Farkas.

Said Miss Rowe today: "As both Ann and I are left-handers, we shall have to concentrate on strengthening our back hands for we can expect our opponents to concentrate on that side of the table."

Miss Haydon was recently added to the England team for the World Championships as a result of her brilliant play last month on a European tour, during which she won both the French and Belgian Singles title. It was then thought that the Rowe twins would play Doubles in the Corbillion Cup team, with Miss Haydon concentrating on the Singles, but the decision earlier this week of Mrs Cornett to retire from table tennis "for personal reasons" caused a revision of plans. — China Mail Special.

Yolande Pompey To Meet Ward On March 13

London, Feb. 23.
Yolande Pompey (Trinidad), whose World Light-Heavyweight title fight against Archie Moore has been postponed until June, will meet Moses Ward (United States) at Harringay on March 13.

This was the date when Pompey and Moore were to have met.

The fight will be over ten rounds at 12 stone 7 lbs (70.4 kilograms).

Pompey and Ward met in Chicago in 1954 when Ward gained a points decision—China Mail Special.

"Get in line for promotion and I'll be back." But it doesn't mean his departure from Maine Road is imminent.

On Wednesday, March 14, we sports writers, generously published by Gordon Pirie, will risk doing further immeasurable harm by entertaining Britain's leading sportsman. Here's hoping our guest list meets with approval.

As soon as customary courtesy functions permit, Keith Miller will travel to Nottingham for back treatment from the manipulative fingers of Bill Mellors, former County trainer, who put Ray Lindwall right when the Aussies were last here.

"It's hard enough to get youngsters to bowl fast without penalising them," declares Jack Rowley on the subject of "no ball" and "drug." First thing Jack did on arrival with Plymouth at Leicester recently was to buy a new pair of cricket boots. His old ones show signs of drug.

HART-BREAK
Feeling sorry for yourself this morning? If so, adopt the Johnny Hart spirit. After four operations on a leg broken at Huddersfield last season, the Manchester City inside-forward relishes having a go in the Central League side about Easter.

Doncaster Rovers started something when they invited

CRICKET

WI Young Players Not Pulling Their Weight

Kingston, Jamaica, Feb. 23.
With the possible exception of Collier Smith, the young players of the West Indies cricket team, now touring New Zealand, are not pulling their weight, according to the cricket correspondent of the Gleaner here.

He deplors the fact that after Everton Weekes made 103 in the recent Test, six wickets went down for 169 because four of the young hopes contributed only 53 among them.

Against stronger opponents the writer fears that the West Indies would not have recovered if they did.

With five of the eight first-class matches of the tour already played, the Gleaner says, there is still much to achieve before West Indies can look forward with more confidence to the tougher tour of 1957, and it was time the younger players lightened up and realised their future responsibilities.

Everton Weekes, who has hit five centuries in succession, needs one more to equal the joint record of six consecutive first-class centuries, held by C. B. Fry (England) and Sir Donald Bradman (Australia). — China Mail Special.

Contract Bridge Matches Between PI And Hongkong

Manila, Feb. 24.
The Philippine Contract Bridge League accepted a challenge by the Hongkong Contract Bridge Association to hold a series of matches here beginning on March 16.

The Philippine team will be selected on a competitive basis under rules promulgated by the Philippine Bridge Association. Preliminary trials will be held to select the best six players to face the Hongkong team. — France-Press.

Tennis Exhibitions

The Hongkong Lawn Tennis Association announced last night that if the ground is playable today, three exhibition tennis matches will be staged.

Play commences at 8.30 p.m. with Don Fontana (taking on Edwin Tait. At 4.30 p.m. Herb Flam clashes with Ip Koon-rung and then at 6.30 p.m. Flam teams up Fontana against Ip and Tait.

Paisley Secondary Juveniles to visit them at Easter. Now seeking a similar invitation are Copland Rangers, who train at Ibrox, and provided Rangers with Robert Mitchell, promising 17-year-old centre-forward.

Harry Johnston's prospects of getting former Blackpool colleague Dave Frith to join him at Reading are not improved by the fullback's devotion to his market-gardening business.

Several Torquay local discoveries are attracting attention in the North and Midlands. One is centre-half George Northcott, whose brother Tommy is with Lincoln City. One first team friendly outing proved him nearly ready for promotion.

Rugby League efforts to wheedle Peter Jackson from the Coventry RU ranks are unlikely to be successful now that an England cap has been placed on the skunk he fractured three seasons ago.

LUTON SORRY
I hear Luton are sorry they over-paired with Joe Scott to Middlebrough, yet with Peter McEwan around I cannot understand the urgency for a forceful centre-forward.

Can any family beat the sporting Hendersons of Dublin? George is a bodilinton international. Brother Noel is a Rugby cap, with his wife, Betty, an international hockey player.

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Olympic Winter Games Cost Italy \$4,000,000

Says CONRAD ALLEN

The Olympic Winter Games at Cortina cost Italy \$4,000,000. This staggering figure has touched off a big row. Questions will be asked in the House as soon as the Prime Minister comes back from Germany.

The organising committee is accused of extravagance. The flags alone designed by a well-known interior decorator, cost £6,000. The paper on which Press communications were printed was specially made by the cellulose mill in the country. Sausages—a kind of Turkish bath—were specially built for the Finnish competitors.

The telephone system installed for the occasion was so elaborate that it was quicker to ring up Tokyo from Cortina than it is to call Florence from Rome.

FOREIGN TOURISTS

And the number of foreign tourists who came to the area fell far below expectations. Cortina itself was full but all the nearby resorts were practically empty.

So from a national point of view the Games were a total financial loss.

The organisers' answer is that the publicity value of the Games has been enormous and that the profits will show in future years when more foreign tourists will visit Italy's winter resorts. — London Express Service.

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Dates For 1956 Colony Shuttle Championships

The 1956 Colony Junior Badminton Championships will commence on March 6 and the Senior Championships on March 19. The final night of the championships has been fixed for March 28.

Intending competitors are reminded that entries will close on February 29 for the Junior events and on March 15 for the Senior.

"Arrow" shuttlecocks will be used throughout the Championships. These may be obtained from the agents, Shui Fong-hong, room 221 Wang Hin Building, 10 Queen's Road Central.

GOLD CUP MARE



Bramble Tudor—pictured here with Dick Curran up—is an entry for the Cheltenham Gold Cup on March 8. Colonel Lord Jockey bought Bramble Tudor from Mr Eric Cousins who, after securing her in Ireland as a three-year-old, hunted the mare with the Vale of Lune and won a hurdle race before parting with her.

It is not often that a mare reaches the top class as a steeplechaser, but Bramble Tudor's 18 wins in 22 races is a feat of which any horse could be proud. In addition to this, she has a fast, carefree style of jumping with great courage and stamina. — Reuterphoto.

Royal H.K. Defence Force Orders

Serial No. 8. Orders by Colonel L. T. Rilde, CBE, ED, Commandant, Royal Hongkong Defence Force. Dated February 21, 1956.

Force Orders

Annual Review.—The Annual Review of the HKDF by H.E. the Hon. Commander General will take place at the Hongkong Stadium at 10.30 a.m. Sunday, March 11, 1956. Full parade rehearsals will be held as follows: Dress for the Army units on Thursday, March 9, 1956, at 10.30 a.m. at the Hongkong Stadium. Rehearsal for the HKDF on Thursday, March 9, 1956, at 1.30 p.m. at the Hongkong Stadium. Rehearsal for the HKDF on Friday, March 10, 1956, at 10.30 a.m. at the Hongkong Stadium. Rehearsal for the HKDF on Saturday, March 11, 1956, at 10.30 a.m. at the Hongkong Stadium. Rehearsal for the HKDF on Sunday, March 12, 1956, at 10.30 a.m. at the Hongkong Stadium. Rehearsal for the HKDF on Monday, March 13, 1956, at 10.30 a.m. at the Hongkong Stadium. Rehearsal for the HKDF on Tuesday, March 14, 1956, at 10.30 a.m. at the Hongkong Stadium. Rehearsal for the HKDF on Wednesday, March 15, 1956, at 10.30 a.m. at the Hongkong Stadium. 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THE HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION

Ordinary Yearly General
Meeting

NOTICE IS HEREBY
GIVEN that the Ordinary
Yearly General Meeting of the
Shareholders of the Cor-
poration will be held at the
Head Office of the Cor-
poration, 1 Queen's Road, Central,
Hong Kong, on Friday, the
16th day of March, 1956, at
Noon for the purpose of
receiving and considering the
reports of the Directors
and of the Profit and Loss
Account and Balance Sheet
for the year ended 31st
December, 1955, and for the
election of Directors and fix-
ing their remuneration and the
appointment of Auditors.

THE REGISTER OF
SHARES of the Corporation
will be closed from Friday,
the 2nd of March to Friday,
the 10th of March, 1956,
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which period no transfer of
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MICHAEL W. TURNER,
Chief Manager.

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KENYA APPROACHING POLITICAL X-ROADS

By Henderson Gall

Nairobi, Feb. 23.

Kenya is in many ways now approaching
a political cross-roads, according to many
highly-placed observers inside and outside
the government.

The question seems to be
whether the government will
move with enough speed and
determination to retain African
goodwill and to exercise a
guiding influence on the
nationalist forces which many
people believe are steadily
gathering strength; or whether
it will be reluctantly forced
along on a number of im-
portant issues so that the
majority of Africans "gov-
ernment" becomes synonymous with
permanent European supremacy,
leading to widespread resent-
ment.

Unaltered

The three-year war against
the Mau Mau terrorists is fast
running down as a purely
military operation. Indeed,
intelligence sources here con-
sider that the militant side of
Mau Mau, with less than 2,000
terrorists left in the open and
by no means all of them
"hardcore," has been defeated.

At the same time, the basic
aims of the Kikuyu, namely,
self-government, more land,
and the expulsion of the European
from Kenya, or at least a great
reduction in his gross
hegemony, remain unaltered.

The Kikuyu have probably
learned their lesson that violence
does not pay.

But there is every precedent
in Kikuyu history over the past
30 years, with outbreaks of
violence every five or seven
years, for the belief that if the
Kikuyu feel that they are
achieving nothing by constitu-
tional means, then they will
again resort to subversion, or
some form of organised
resistance.

Society Found

There have already been
indications that Mau Mau is
going underground, or re-
shaping itself.

At Manyatta Detention Camp,
where about 16,000 Mau Mau
suspects are confined, I was told
that a society called Kikuyu
Aid, believed to mean Society
of the Wives (of the Mau
Mau rebellion) had been dis-
covered in one or two
compounds.

Some form of oath was said
to be administered, and members
were instructed to be obedient,
confess enough of their past
Mau Mau activities to give the
impression that they were
telling everything, presumably
with the object of being
"rehabilitated" through the camps
or "rehabilitated" detainees, to
the reserves and freedom.

The Ministry of Defence here,
questioned about the movement
and its significance, said that
nothing was known of this or-
ganisation but investigations
would be made.

60 Arrested

At about the same time it
was learnt that about the middle
of last year 60 people had been
arrested and detained in the
Kikuyu reserves for belonging
to an organisation called Kikuyu
Aid, or Society of the Wives
of the Mau Mau, which was said
to be a passive form of Mau Mau
claiming to be constitutional and
non-violent.

Since then, according to
government officials, no more
members of the society have
been arrested and the movement
appears to have been scotched.
But experienced observers
here say that with or without
the existence of deliberately sub-
versive organisations, it is only
natural to expect organisations,
carrying the banner of
nationalism, to gain ground
among Kenya Africans, and
among the Kikuyu in particular,
since they are the most politi-
cally active and tenacious of all
the tribes in Kenya.

The Kenya African, they
argue, is not blind to events in
West Africa, where independence
has been achieved in the Gold
Coast, and will possibly soon be
achieved in Nigeria.

Calibre Of Leaders

Much will depend on the
calibre of African leaders in
Kenya, who are only now
emerging, and who will all
emerge. During the Emergency
African political development
here has been almost at a stand-
still. But much more im-
portant, there observers think,
are the steps that the govern-
ment is going to take in the
direction of making the pro-
mised multi-racial society of
Kenya more "multi" and less
"racial."

If the Kenya government does
not act in a way that will con-
vince Africans of the reality of
one "fairer share" policy, they
declare, then the present

widespread goodwill of the
Africans towards the govern-
ment will turn sour.

One widespread subject of
discussion is African representa-
tion on the Kenya Legislative
Council.
In the introduction to his
official report, published in
January, on the best methods
of choosing African members of
the Kenya Legislative
Council, Mr. W. F. Coutts, the
Minister of Education, Labour
and Lands, said: "The question
of constituencies and the
numbers of African representa-
tives on the Legislative Council
were specifically excluded (from
his terms of reference) and I
have been unable to comment
on them, but I should like to
record that by far the greatest
concern was expressed by all
witnesses regarding the paucity
of African members on the
Legislative Council and there-
fore, that Africans were inade-
quately represented."

Little Doubt

"This point was made by
every witness (154) gave oral
evidence) who appeared before
me all over the Colony and
seemed to have greater weight
in the minds of Africans than
the method of electing such re-
presentatives, although this in
itself is important."

The decision to increase
African representation - at
present there are six unofficial
African members out of a total
of 30 members - rests with
the Legislative Council.
This means, basically, that it
is a government decision.
There is little doubt that most
responsible people in Kenya
realise the strength of the
African demand. Whether action
will be taken remains to be
seen. - China Mail Special.



Prince Joins The Army

Prince Harald, 18-year-old
son of Norway's Prince Olav,
leads fellow army recruits
during a course of sal-
tanking. The Prince, who
joined the army as a four-
shillings-a-day recruit, is
stationed at the Trandum
camp. - Express Photo.

ALGERIAN ELECTIONS

Free Hand For French Government

Paris, Feb. 23.
The French National As-
sembly Electoral Committee
today voted to give the
government a free hand to
decide the appropriate
moment when the delayed
elections in Algeria for the
French Assembly should be
held.

Earlier today Premier Guy
Mollet had told the committee
he was against prolonging the
term of office of deputies elected
to Algeria in 1951 general
elections.

M. Mollet said he intended
to hold elections in Algeria as
soon as the situation there
had improved sufficiently. -
France-Press.

Key To Stability In Far East

Washington, Feb. 23.
Japan's new Ambassador to
the United States, Dr. Masayuki
Tani, said on his arrival in
Washington tonight that Japan
realised that partnership and
common effort with the United
States was the key to stability
and progress in Asia and the
Far East.

In a prepared speech,
delivered to a welcoming group
of United States officials and
other diplomats, Mr. Tani said
he regarded it a great privilege
and opportunity to come to
Washington and to continue the
work of his predecessors in
strengthening relations binding
Japan and the United States. -
Router.

MP SUSPENDED

'Senators Hired Mercenaries'

Capetown, Feb. 23.
Mr. J. H. Hamilton Russell,
(United Party) was suspended
for a week from his functions
as a member of Parliament to-
day because he refused to re-
tract a statement that the
newly-elected Senators, were
"hired mercenaries to rape the
constitution."

The Senators referred to by
Mr. Russell were elected under
an electoral law, backed by the
government of Premier Johannes
Strijdom, which had caused
heated controversy throughout
South Africa.

Mr. Strijdom presented the
motion calling for Mr. Russell's
suspension, which was passed by
a vote of 163 to 60 during a joint
session of both Houses of Parlia-
ment. - France-Press.

British Civilians Settle Into Canal Zone

By Gilbert Sedbon

Ismailia, Feb. 23.

Work continues at "TEK," as Tel el Kebir,
the heart of the Suez Canal Zone base is called
here, although British civilian technicians now
man the vital military installations instead of
soldiers.

They are ready to equip the first ten divisions
of the Allied armed forces in case of an
attack on Turkey or any of the Arab states of
the Middle East.

During an extensive tour of
the Suez base, from Tel el
Kebir to Mansara, Fayid, Panara
and Abu Sultan, I saw Britain's
great ordnance depot, work-
shops, armour and gunparks,
the huge sheds capable of carry-
ing out all major repairs and
alterations, and the ammunition
depot, only recently taken over
by men from Victoria-Arm-
strong, Imperial Chemical In-
dustries, Rootes Motors and five
other British firms who make
up the Suez Contractors.

ing in the Western Desert fully
supplied, as still the small,
three-lettered word on which
hangs the structure of Middle
East defence.

Tel el Kebir houses three in-
stitutions: the Base Ordnance
Depot, motor, workshops and the
Base Vehicles Depot. The
potential role of these institu-
tions in time of war is:

1. To equip and maintain
the first ten divisions with kit,
stores, guns and ammunition
and supplies;

2. To undertake major
and minor repairs of any nature
to any vehicle, tank, armoured
car or gun;

3. To keep all fighting
units mobile by supplying them
with transport of every kind.

Today, a small group of 200
British civilian technicians and
an Egyptian labour force of
8,000 are seeing that the wheels
are turning everywhere in this
expansive desert.

From Tel el Kebir, I drove to
Panara where men were busy
in yards stretching almost to
the shores of the Great Bitter
Lakes in the far distance. About
2,000,000 worth of engineer-
ing goods are stored at Panara.

EGYPTIAN GUARDS

Five miles away, at Abu
Sultan, about 50,000 tons of
assorted ammunition, including
shells, mortars, grenades, and
other explosives, are kept in
120 magazines covering an area
of eight to ten square miles.

At Abu Sultan, as at Panara,
Mansara and Tel el Kebir, there
is a tight security net. The
Egyptian Army has taken over
all guard duties but the Suez
Contractors Management Com-
pany has its own British
security officers in charge of
security inside the camps.

Filtering, a characteristic of the
Canal zone, has been kept re-
markably low, but the defences
at Tel el Kebir are now
broken into recently. The in-
truders armed with tommy-
guns were challenged by the
Egyptian Army guards on duty.
There were casualties on both
sides. The stolen property was
recovered a few days later.

The British civilian techni-
cians working at Panara and
Abu Sultan live with their
families in Kensington Village,
which was built in the Fayid
area. But the families of men
belonging to the British Middle
East headquarters.

DIFFICULTIES

The new British community
in the Canal zone is settling
down fast, although it will soon
have its "teething problems".
Many of the newcomers have
lived in India, the Sudan,
Singapore and Kenya, and they
are not finding it very difficult
here. But the families of men
who have never been out of
Britain before. These will meet
with a number of difficulties,
not least of them fighting the
monotony and solitude of the
desert.

They will encounter climate,
language and customs difficulties
always inherent in living in a
foreign country. They had their
first taste of "home" recently,
in a blinding sandstorm which
paralysed shipping and caused
several groundings and collisions
in the Suez Canal.

Nevertheless this new com-
munity is flourishing and happy,
and enjoying to the full activi-
ties like sailing in the Blue
Lagoon in Lake Timsah and in
the Great Bitter Lakes, tennis,
football, and a five-hole desert
golf course at Tel el Kebir.

Already, the first baby has
been born here, to Mrs Joan
Gossek of Newbold-on-Avon,
near Rugby. Warwickshire,
whose husband is a supervisor
at Tel el Kebir.

FINAL PHASE

And soon Mr Emrys Brown, a
rolling engineer working at
Panara, will marry in Kensin-
gton Village Church, a "home-
town lass," Miss Marjorie Lewis
of Mountain Ash, Glamorgan.

As the evacuation of the Bri-
tish forces enters its final phase,
the take-over of the vital mili-
tary installations by British
civilians is complete. TEK will
continue to tick along after the
last British soldier has left the
Canal zone. - China Mail Special.

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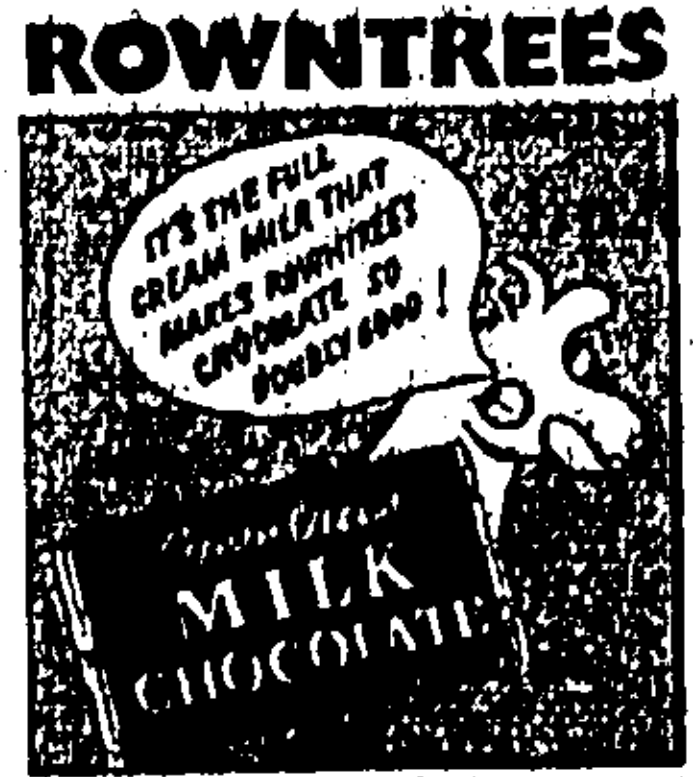


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FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 1956.

JOHN CLARKE'S CASEBOOK

Family Reunion

ALICE'S adventure in London began a year ago. It was then that she cut adrift from her family, and brusquely dismissing her mother's imploring, sailed out from her drab hometown in the north, to make her fortune or her name in London.

Alice was 24 then. A slim girl, with a long, interesting face framed in fair hair, whose precise shade only a poet or a chemist could properly describe.

There were profits when Alice announced she was leaving home. "Why London?" her mother asked. Alice cut explanations to a minimum, knowing that to some of the other people in her part of the world, London was as remotely mysterious as Lhasa.

DISCOVERED

SHE came to London, and carried her dreams around with her for a time. She got the kind of job she might have had at home, and in her free time tirelessly explored the exciting city.

Presently, Alice decided work was taking up too much of her time. She gave in her notice and became a permanent resident of the West End. Her nights were in staidly spent in cafes, and by day she went to cinemas and slept.

It was not long before she was discovered—not by the talent scout or impresario she had hoped to encounter, but by young men and girls who divided their time between petty crime and prison.

AN ACQUISITION

ALICE'S new friends were the kind to whom the thought of working for a living seemed almost indecent. They considered her an acquisition to their company because of her simplicity. They could use her.

One day they did. Two young men who had such a string of convictions against their names, persuaded her to join them in trying to deal from unattended cars.

The trio were caught, and at Bow Street found guilty of "loitering with intent." One man was sent to prison, the other despatched to a higher court for sentence. Alice was remanded in custody for inquiries to be made about her.

TILL DO MY BEST

WHEN next she appeared, Miss Hamilton, the probation officer, rose. "This girl," she said, "comes from a very respectable home. Her mother was working all yesterday, but she has travelled here overnight, and says she is prepared to take her daughter home...."

"Do you think you can get my sense into your daughter?" Sir Laurence Dunne, the chief magistrate, asked Alice's mother. "I'll do my best, sir," the mother whispered.

"Well, I'm very grateful to you for coming here," said Sir Laurence, and turned to Alice. "Will you go back with your mother?" he asked her. Alice nodded.

COLLAPSE

HER mother was shown to her towards a seat. Suddenly, as she went, she collapsed. The night journey after the day's work, the worry, the strain, had been too much for her.

"Oh, oh," Alice cried, and she tried to run to her mother's side. The court matron barred her way, and policemen carried her mother from the courtroom.

Alice closed her eyes. Tears came, and her mouth flickered uncertainly as Sir Laurence ordered her to be put on probation.

"Yes, sir, yes, sir," Alice said, answering his warnings, and as soon as she might, she bolted anxiously from the dock, to do what she could for her mother, who had done so much for her. Her adventure in London was over, and so was the hard-bitten pore.

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MASSACRE OF FARMERS DISCLOSURE

Khartoum, Feb. 23.

The 187 Blue Nile farmers who died, stifled yesterday at Kosti (Sudan) after being piled with 94 other prisoners into one small room for their part in riots at Guda last Sunday, spent a day of agony in a temperature of 40 degrees centigrade (104 fahrenheit), according to the first disclosures of a government enquiry into the tragedy.

The enquiry revealed that farmers who tried to break a window for air were shot at by guards outside.

The farmers clashed with the police after refusing to hand over their crops to the company employing them unless they were given a 60 per cent share in the profits.

The Sudanese Minister for Social Affairs, Zieda Arabab, told the Agence-France-Presse today that "without wishing to exculpate those responsible for this atrocious tragedy," the condition of the farmers before they were arrested had a bearing on their deaths.

The Minister said some of the men were already exhausted, famished and suffering from the effects of the sun after five days of rioting, and this contributed to the effects of airlessness, when they were placed in custody in the only place available.

SEEKS TO RESIGN

It was reported here that one Sudanese Cabinet Minister had asked to have his resignation accepted today as a protest against the tragedy. He was also reported to have urged the entire government to resign, but was said to have been persuaded to await the findings of the current enquiry into the affair.

The Sudanese Government issued an official statement tonight, following the return of the Minister of Health, Amin El Snyed, and the Minister for Social Affairs from Kosti.

The official statement said that 281 farmers involved in Sunday's riots at Guda were sent to Kosti yesterday for investigation and placed in a room of the new army barracks.

This morning 187 of them were found to be dead. Eleven others were taken to hospital in a serious condition. Two died on arrival.

The statement said that measures to fix the responsibility for the incident would be taken as soon as possible. — France-Press.

Lay Off Opium Appeal

Penang, Feb. 23.

The Labour Party of Malaya today urged the Chief Minister, Tengku Abdul Rahman, to "abandon all ideas" of reintroducing opium into Malaya.

Mr. D. S. Ramanathan, President of the Party, said today that if the Tengku introduced opium again, "it would only give Chin Peng and his Communist Party more fuel for malicious propaganda."

Tengku Abdul Rahman had announced in London during his recent "independence" mission that Malaya should return to the pre-war system of government monopoly sales to control opium. — Reuter.

Rome As Venue For Assembly

(Continued from Page 1)

The United States, as host government to the UN's permanent headquarters, officially took a "hands off" position. Although members of the US delegation were known to have favoured the Rome meeting, at first they now held little hope for it.

The US position now is that the Assembly could meet any place it decided in 1956, but the meeting should not be held before the November 6 election. The Assembly's regular meeting date is September 18.

The Assembly moved to Paris in 1948 to avoid the US election pressure. It met in Paris again in 1951, but convened here in 1952, although its start was postponed until after the November election. — United Press.

Oasis Dispute

Won't Yield Inch Says Minister

London, Feb. 23.

Cairo Radio tonight quoted Emir Michael, the Saudi Arabian Minister of Defence, as having said in Cairo that his government would not "yield one inch" of its territory in connection with the Buraimi oasis dispute with Britain.

Britain and Saudi Arabia are involved in a dispute over the ownership of the oasis, close to the Persian Gulf. British-led forces of two local Arab rulers last October evicted a Saudi Arabian force which moved into the area three years earlier.

"It is regrettable that a great power should resort to tearing away an inalienable territorial part of another country with which it has links of traditional friendship," the Saudi Arabian Minister said, according to the radio.

Saudi Arabia, while still acting in the spirit and letter of the treaty, believed that any peaceful means "selected by the usurper" to solve the dispute will have but the result of leading to us of that area torn away from our country."

He added "It is not the policy of Saudi Arabia to yield one inch of Saudi lands." — Reuter.

Radio Hongkong

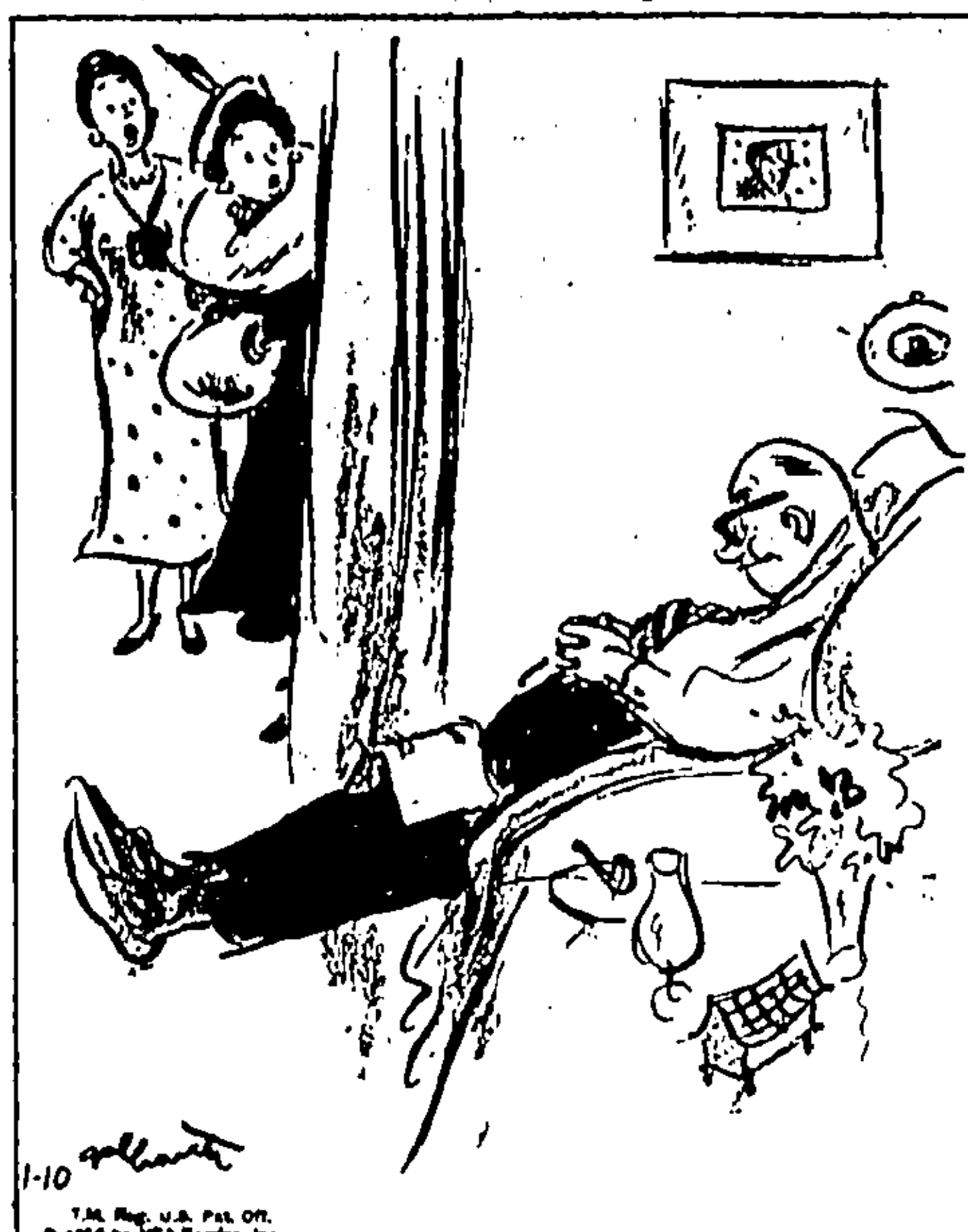
H.K.T. 6:00 Time Signal and Programme Summary; 6:05 Stock Market Report; 6:08, Programme for Children presented by Valerie (Studio); 6:30, Popularity Poll presented by Ted Thomas; Predict the Three Top Tunes of the Week to Win a Prize; 7:00, Time Signal and the News (London Relay); 7:05, Commentary (London Relay); 7:10, Jazz Hour presented by Robert Acheson (Recorded); 7:45, Movie Magazine; Compiled and presented by David Lytle (Studio); 8:00, London Record (London Relay); 8:10, Microphone Visit to the last part of this year's fair at Earl's Court, (Recorded); 8:15, News (London Relay); 8:30, Sydney Feller and his Orchestra with the well-known young set; 8:45, The Keith Texier Singers; 9:45, Let's from America by Victor Cooke (London Relay); 9:50, Time Signal; Music Lovers Hour—Classical Times by Elaine Maitland with Victor Cooke (Recorded); 10:00, Continental Cabaret presented by Denzio (Studio); 10:30, Virtuoso Gladys Ripley (contralto); 10:40, "A Connecticut Yankee"; Excerpts from "The Music for You" with the Guild Chorus; 10:50, Weather Report; 11:00, Time Signal; Radio News (Recorded); 11:15, Goodnight Music; 11:30, Close Down.

REDIFFUSION

2 p.m. Variety Cuts (the Tune); Musical Matinee; 3:30, Strike Up the Band; 4:00, Tea For Two; 4:25, Sunny Kaye Show; 4:45, Dossier on Dumetria; — Final Episode; 5:00, Children's Corner; Alice's Adventure in Wonderland; Episode No. 3—"Pig and Pepper"; 5:30, Friday Requests—Presented by Betty; 6:15, Birthday Mailbag; 6:18, Record Parade; 6:45, The Final Year; 7:00, Time Signal and the News (London Relay); 7:05, Western Report; 7:10, Atlantic Interlude; 7:15, Track Talk—Tape For Tomorrow's Races; 7:30, Cocktail Hour—Music For Relaxation; 8:00, Personality Parade—Eartha Kitt; 8:15, Fiesta Times by Elaine Maitland with Victor Cooke; 8:30, Music For You with the Guild Chorus; 8:45, "A Connecticut Yankee"; Excerpts from "The Music for You" with the Guild Chorus; 9:00, Weather Report; 9:15, Time Signal; Radio News (Recorded); 9:30, News (London Relay); 9:45, Goodnight Music; 11:30, Close Down.

H.E. the Governor has recommended Mr. Abdulrahman Ganiadira as Vice-Consul for Indonesia at Hongkong. It was announced in the Government Gazette today.

SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"He almost went south for the winter, but I'm afraid I'll never get him in the notion again—the janitor stepped up the heat!"

Brazilian Revolt Latest

Rio de Janeiro, Feb. 23.

Brazilian government forces have reached the Amazon town of Santarem, reported headquarters of rebel air forces in revolt against the government, but have delayed entry until after an air reconnaissance for traps, it was reported here today.

Earlier today it was officially reported here that the rebel air force officers had retreated overnight from Santarem, a town of about 15,000 inhabitants, to a jungle airstrip, where they planned to hold out for at least three months.

Brigadier Alves Cabral, who is in command of the forces sent on the instruction of President Vargas to end the revolt, today described Major Veloso, the rebel leader, as "a man without ideals and an adventurer."

Major Veloso, in a manifesto published in Belem, said: "We cannot obey illegal orders from illegals and illegals and illegals."

"The new government is publicly and notoriously preparing to auction off our land—especially our strategic minerals and petroleum," the manifesto said.

Major Veloso is alleged to have flown north in a stolen plane and started his revolt by putting a number of airmen out of action with petrol drums. Some men sent to capture him went over to his side.

Forces have been sent north with instructions to "ring off" the rebels, but no reports have yet been received of fighting having started. — Reuter.

MP ACCUSES POLICE

London, Feb. 23.

A member of Parliament tonight accused the police of conniving at prostitution in the West End of London. He charged the Home Secretary with doing "nothing about it."

Mr. Richard Stokes, a former Labour Minister, had earlier urged the Government to change the law on prostitution following a judgment in a recent case that it is not illegal for anyone to learn properly solely for the use of prostitution.

In pressing for action, Mr. Stokes said the rent in the area concerned in the case had gone "soaring up." He asserted that the criminal classes were transferring their operations to these quarters as the easiest way of making a living.

Mr. Lloyd George, the Home Secretary, said this particular case was being considered by a Government committee on homosexuality and prostitution.

Earlier he had said the Commissioner of Police had estimated the number of prostitutes in the West End at about 700. The number organized on a commercial basis was "believed to be very small." — China Mail Special.

Menon's Proposal To Britain

London, Feb. 23.

India has proposed to Britain that Mr. Selwyn Lloyd, the British Foreign Secretary, should meet his Soviet opposite number, Mr. Vyacheslav Molotov, to discuss the situation in Vietnam, now divided by the Geneva armistice agreement, an authoritative source said today.

The British and Soviet foreign ministers are by their offices, co-chairmen of the nine-nation conference, which in Geneva in 1954 negotiated the ceasefire between the Communist Vietnamese in the north and the anti-Communist South.

Mr. Lloyd will set out the British view on the Indian suggestion at a meeting later today with Mr. V. K. Krishna Menon, India's new cabinet minister, who is now on a five-day visit here.

The proposal from the New Delhi government came in the form of a comment on a suggestion by Mr. E. P. Ho, Assistant Secretary for External Affairs, that the "Geneva nations" should meet again together with the three countries which are supervising the Indo-China armistice, India, Canada, and Poland.

The meeting should be called to consider the refusal of South Vietnam to hold the elections which are due to be held next July to reunite the partitioned states, the Peking government stated. — Reuter.

DESTITUTE SEAMAN

Vivian Charles Ashton, a 60-year-old Englishman, ex-convict engineer of the ss Tai Shun Hong, was remanded for three days in the House of Detention by Mr. Hin-shing Lo at Central this morning for apparent vagrancy.

Yesterday defendant reported himself to the Marine Police Station and it was found that he was without employment and had no money. The remand was to enable the authorities to see if defendant could be repatriated back to England.

DRAMATIC DEVELOPMENT IN BREACH CASE

Mother Takes Over From Counsel

Mrs R. F. Franklin, through the indulgence of the Court, assumed the role of Counsel for the plaintiff at Kowloon District Court this morning, as Corporal David McComish, who is being sued for having broken his promise to marry her daughter, continued his evidence.

Mr. D. A. L. Wright, Counsel for the Corporal, and Col. L. N. Morris, who is also a defendant in the civil action, alleging that he had procured his subordinate to break his word, raised no objection to Mrs Franklin conducting the litigation.

Mrs Franklin was permitted to conduct the case because of an unexpected turn of events. Mr. Brook A. Bernacchi who was Counsel for the plaintiff, said this morning that he wished to withdraw because he had no instructions to carry on with the case.

He explained that the late Mr. M. A. da Silva was the original solicitor who received instructions to act on behalf of the plaintiff, Miss Gloria Franklin, who is suing through her father, as her next friend.

Today's Police Reports

A military jeep collided with a pedal cyclist in Castle Peak Road, near its junction with Route TWISK, in the Tsun Wan district, at 5.45 p.m. yesterday. The cyclist, Chau Leung, aged 30 of No. 13 Sai Lau Kok Village, Tsun Wan, sustained serious injuries and was removed to hospital, where he is now detained.

HIT BY TRAM
A pedestrian, Yeung Wing-kwong, aged 41 of Lockhart Road Market, received slight injuries at 9.40 a.m. yesterday when he was knocked down by a tram in Johnston Road, near Hennessy Road.

The accident occurred as Yeung was trying to cross the roadway. The injured man was taken to hospital, where he received treatment before discharge.

STREET THEFTS
Two cases of larceny from the person were reported to the Police on Hongkong Island yesterday. A "pickpocket" stole cash from a Chinese woman on a tramcar in the Western District. A thief tried to snatch a handbag from a woman walking in Percival Street. A suspect has been detained in connection with this latter offence.

New Assistant DPW

Mr. H. W. Forsyth, Chief Engineer of the Public Works Department, has been appointed Assistant Director of Public Works, it was announced in the Government Gazette today.

Other appointments gazetted were: Mr. N. B. Whitley to be Acting Director of Urban Services; Dr. S. H. Moore to be Acting Assistant Director of Medical Services during the absence of Dr. G. V. A. Griffith; Dr. G. C. Franklin to be Acting Senior Medical Officer, vice Dr. S. H. Moore; Mr. L. A. Khan to be Medical Officer.

The following have been confirmed in the permanent and pensionable establishment: Miss R. M. Kenny, Nursing Sister; Mr. A. J. D. Blair, Land Surveyor; Mr. E. P. Ho, Assistant Secretary for External Affairs; Miss J. E. Holmes, Education Officer.

APPOINTED TO COMMITTEE

H. E. the Governor has appointed Mr. R. M. Cameron to be a Member of the Dangerous Goods Standing Committee. It was announced in the Government Gazette today. Mr. Cameron replaces Mr. A. G. S. McComish, whose resignation had been accepted upon his departure from the Colony.

Port Committee

H.E. the Governor has appointed the following to be Members of the Port Committee for a period of one year; it was announced in the Government Gazette today: Capt. H. I. G. Rylands, R.N., Messrs J. H. Waring, Choy Sing-nam, W. C. G. Knowles, and H. D. M. Barton.

OFFICIAL JP

H.E. the Governor has appointed Mr. E. P. Grace to be an Official Justice of the Peace for the Colony of Hongkong. It was announced in the Government Gazette today.

Since the death of Mr. Silva, Mr. P. d'Almeida Remond of Messrs M. A. da Silva Company, had interviewed Mrs. Franklin after the last adjournment, and had expressed his desire not to accept instructions personally because he felt he did not enjoy Mr. Franklin's confidence to act on her behalf. Cpl. McComish continued his evidence this morning and expressed the desire to marry Miss Gloria Franklin. He added that as far as he knew Miss Franklin had also been waiting a marriage licence.

He recalled an occasion when he and Miss Franklin and her mother went to look at some flats to set up a home. He found that rent for one room was between \$100 to \$130 per week. His present pay was \$100 per week.

GIRL'S QUESTION

He recalled that on June 6 last year he was present at a conference at which Col. Morris, Mrs. Franklin and her daughter were present. In the course of the meeting arrangements were made for him to speak to Miss Franklin in an adjoining room. In the conversation with her, McComish said that the first thing Gloria uttered was: "Are you going to marry me?" He replied that without the overseas allowance marriage at the moment was impossible. He added that Miss Franklin then said to him: "If you do not marry me, my mother says she can have you in Court for rape."

McComish said he was not sure whether he could prove that it was not rape, and he replied that he could not, but that she could not expect her mother to prove it was so. Then Miss Franklin said: "All I have to say is that you forced me."

On hearing that, McComish said he asked Miss Franklin whether she was "up to your mother's tricks." Miss Franklin then replied: "Dave, I could not say that you forced me even if I wanted to."

According to Cpl. McComish, Miss Franklin added that she hated her parents and wanted to marry him.

Hearing is continuing.

Indonesian Admiral Here

Rear-Admiral Raden Subayakto, Chief of Staff of the Indonesian Navy, arrived in Hongkong today on Tokyo en route to Peking. He was accompanied by his wife.

Also accompanying him were Capt. R. Briljono, his ADC, Major S. Bratawijaja and Major A.G.F. Rugebrecht.

The party are on a round-the-world "technical" study tour, and have already visited Europe, the United Kingdom and the United States. They will return to the Colony after a week's stay in China, before leaving for home.

Admiral Subayakto told reporters that he had been impressed by the British and American navies. While in the UK he visited Greenwich and Portsmouth.

He denied any discussions took place during the tour for the purpose of purchasing ships for the Indonesian Navy.

At the airport to meet the couple were the Indonesian Consul General and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. I. Isahq.

Admiral Subayakto is expected to call on H.E. the Governor today.

Mail Notices

The latest times of posting shown below are those for unregistered correspondence posted at 2.30 p.m. Hongkong. The latest posting times elsewhere, which, generally, are earlier than the G.P.O. times can be ascertained by enquiry at the local office.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 24

Formosa, 6 p.m.
U.S.A. & Canada, 6 p.m.
Thailand, India, Pakistan, Middle East, Africa, Great Britain & Europe, 6 p.m.
Japan, 6 p.m.
By Surface
Macao, 9 p.m.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25

Peking, Shanghai, Hankow, Kowloon, India, Pakistan, Middle East, Africa, Great Britain & Europe, 6 p.m.
Thailand, Malaysia, Indonesia, Australia, New Zealand & Ceylon, 6 p.m.
By Surface
Indo-China, Noon.
Philippines, 1 p.m.

Thailand, India, Pakistan, Middle East, Africa, Great Britain & Europe, 6 p.m.
Malaysia, Indonesia, Australia & New Zealand, 6 p.m.
Philippines, 1 p.m.
Indo-China, 6 p.m.
Hawaii, U.S.A., Canada, 6 p.m.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26

Formosa, 6 p.m.
Burma, India, Pakistan, Middle East, Great Britain, Europe, 6 p.m.
East, Great Britain, Europe, 6 p.m.
Japan, 6 p.m.
By Surface
Macao, 1 p.m.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 27

Malaya, Ceylon, India, Pakistan, Aden, Middle East, Italy, Portuguese India, Ceylon, 6 p.m.
China, People's Republic, 10.30 a.m.
Philippines, Ceylon, Aden & Middle East, Noon.
Macao, 1 p.m.
Indo-China, 2 p.m.
Macao, 6 p.m.

Nine Granted Naturalisation

H.E. the Governor, with the approval of the Secretary of State for the Colonies, has granted certificates of naturalisation under the British Nationality Act, 1948, to the following persons, it was announced in the Government Gazette today.

Miss Minna Lilian Young, nursing sister; Mr. Chen Kien-sam, broker; Mr. Lo Wing-ling, clerk; Mr. Kwan Yuk-chi, banker; Mr. Tse Chok-leung, seaman; Mr. Tong Wai-hung, cashier; Mr. Tai Tung-pui, retired merchant; Mr. Hsu Yau-chung, radio mechanic; Mr. Lee-yee Pao, aviation engineer.

"Nightmare"

Deaths

Doctors investigating the strange "nightmare" sickness that killed 12 Filipinos during the first two months of this year said today the malady was Puerperalitis.

Dr. Ernesto Brion, Medical Officer of the National Bureau of Investigation, reported findings that deaths from "Bumangon" or "nightmare death" were apparently caused by acute haemorrhage of the placenta.

Overcoming at night was probably at fault, Brion said. Manila medical officials expected latest warnings about "Bumangon" last week after several healthy young Filipino males died in their sleep. — United Press.